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Bani-Sadr summons officers

BEIRUT, Jan. 2 (Agencies) — While Iraqi forces sunk an Iranian patrol boat on the Karun River and three Ahadon oil reservoirs were set ablaze, President Abulhassan Bani-Sadr of Iran summoned his army and air force commanders to a battlefront war council Thursday night. The action came just a few hours after his conduct of the war was criticized in Tehran.

Both countries reported paratroop and helicopter gunship assaults on each other's strategic positions in the major theaters of the 103-day-old war, wreaking added havoc to vital oil installations on the northern flank of the Gulf.

The Iraqi news agency, quoting an Iraqi military communique, said 68 Iranian soldiers were killed during fighting Wednesday and Thursday in the western and southern fronts near Serbil Zehab, Sumar, Dezful and Abadan. Three Iranian tanks and several other vehicles were destroyed in the fighting, the communique added.

The Iranian Air Force Thursday raided the Benderkat region, in Missan province, but the planes were forced back by anti-aircraft fire, the agency said. Iraqi forces over the past two days have lost eight men and two vehicles, INA added.

Iran's official Pars news agency said the war council was held at an undisclosed location in Iran's oil producing province of Khuzistan, one-third of which allegedly has been conquered by invasion forces.

The agency said the conferees, including Defense Minister Col. Javad Fakuri, "discussed the overall situation on the war fronts and took the necessary decisions." Pars did not elaborate.

Iran's second-most powerful religious leader, Ayatollah Hussein Ali Montazeri, criticized Bani-Sadr's Supreme Defense Council on Thursday for failing to turn Iran's armed forces from defense to offense despite repeated presidential assertions of high morale and combat readiness.

"The battlefield situation cannot be easily overlooked," warned the cleric, who is generally considered to be Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini's heir apparent in the hierarchy of Iran's Islamic revolution. His statement was reported by Pars.

Khomeini has vested exclusive powers in the nine-man defense council, which is headed by Bani-Sadr in his capacity as president and commander-in-chief, to run the war. Bani-Sadr has been promising a large-scale counter-offensive to drive the Iraqis out of Iran for the last five weeks.



DIRECT CONTACT: A citizen from Hail briefs King Khalid on what appears to be a request. Meantime the King and Crown Prince Fahd returned to Riyadh Thursday after a weeklong visit to the Qassim and Hail regions. They were accompanied by Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier; Prince Sultan, minister of defense and aviation; Prince Salman, Riyadh governor and other princes and officials. During the royal visit the King and the princes toured about 30 towns and villages, and inspected development projects.

Senegalese premier named Diouf pledges austerity

DAKAR, Jan. 2 (Agencies) — Senegal's new president, Abdou Diouf, pledged Thursday night that he would follow a policy of economic austerity and fight bad management and corruption as successor to Leopold Senghor.

Diouf, 45, who had been prime minister for 10 years under Senghor, made the statement in a message to the nation shortly after being installed as Chief of State. He promised continuity with the policies of his 74-year-old predecessor, who formally resigned Wednesday on grounds of age.

Diouf, 45, said democracy in Senegal would be consolidated and reinforced. But he added: "Order will prevail thanks to a firm, just and rigorous authority, in a state strong and respected."

Turning to the serious financial difficulties now besetting Senegal, the new president said the country would have to increase and diversify its production, export more than it imports, devote more budgetary expenditure to investment and the social sector, and create new industries.

Radio Senegal later announced that the new president had named Habib Thiam, leader of the Socialist Party in parliament, as the country's Prime Minister. Thiam is a former secretary of state for Planning and Minister for rural development and holds the post of party Secretary for foreign relations. In his Thursday speech to the nation, Pres-

ident of Senghor said he was resigning because of old age. At 74, I cannot, except during my month's holidays, work 10 hours a day on average, including weekends," president Senghor told the 5.5 million Senegalese.

"It was time to step down and hand over the flame to the next generation." He said that as far back as 1961, one year after his election as president of independent Senegal, he had intended resigning to return to teaching and research. The president praised his successor's considerable knowledge of economic and financial questions, and said he was a modest and trustworthy man, "whose strength is greater than most people think — you will realize that soon."

Meantime, President Valery Giscard d'Estaing pledged France's friendship and unreserved support for Senegalese Premier Abdou Diouf.

"France is anxious to retain the esteem and the confidence of a country and a people whose leading role in Africa and the world it recognizes," he said in a message marking Diouf's appointment as president.

IMF reports 1.5% inflation in Saudi Arabia

By a staff writer

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 — Saudi Arabia had the world's lowest rate of inflation in 1980, according to the International Monetary Fund. The rate rose slightly by 1.5 per cent to bring the inflation level to 10.7 in 1980, up from 1979's 9.2 per cent.

Earlier, Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al Khalil, minister of finance and economy, said the 1979 rate was a remarkable achievement in a country "where public spending is on such a large scale and where most goods and services are imported."

The rate of inflation rose steeply at the beginning of the second five year plan, 1975-1980, but the government stepped in to control the rise.

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Riyadh reminds U.S. of close ties

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 2 (AP) — Saudi Arabia extended season's greetings to the United States Thursday in a newspaper advertisement reminding the nation that "when presidents come new into power, and tides of turbulence sweep a troubled world, it is wise to remember how constant has been the friendship" between the two countries.

Signed by "The People of Saudi Arabia" and issued through the Ministry of Information, the full-page advertisement in the Los Angeles Times carried a message both religious and political in nature — quoting from the Koran and paraphrasing American poet Robert Frost.

"When others would divide us and distort the history of our mutual development, we must hold true to that which we know to be true," the advertisement said. "We must expand our true knowledge of one another and build upon our mutual interests."

Recalling Frost's "Good fences Make Good Neighbors," the advertisement said it should also be remembered that "good fences make good friends."

There was no specific reference to President-elect Ronald Reagan or any U.S. foreign policy, but the advertisement suggested that America become a more intimate friend of Saudi Arabia.

"You, the people of America, must come to know us better, the people of Saudi Arabia have come to know you," it said. "We cultivate you respect for our individuality and our sovereignty."

Set inside a temple-shaped design surrounded by stained glass, the advertisement closed with a passage from chapter Mariam of the Koran, concluding, "And may God bless you."

In the same edition, but in a separate section, The Times carried another "season's greetings" full-page advertisement from the People's Bureau of the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya in Washington, D.C.

The Libyan advertisement made no reference to America in particular. Saying the greeting was from "the Muslim masses," it declared "an arms race, animosity, conflict of interest and rivalry amongst nations."

"This leads us to believe that most of the slogans raised in the name of religion are no more than hypocritical claims which in fact spread nothing but evil," it said. "Had all believers followed the teachings of God, then starvation, war and atheist materialism would not have existed."

Reagan's drive unjust -- Arafat

BEIRUT, Jan. 2 (R) — Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) leader Yasser Arafat has accused President-elect Ronald Reagan of launching "unjust campaigns" against the commando movement.

In a message marking the PLO's 16th anniversary, Arafat said Reagan's campaign indicated the strength of the movement and the importance of the cause.

"Whether he wants it or not, he has put us at the top of U.S. problems and preoccupations, side by side with all that worries the new American administration," he said. Arafat said whoever was in power in the United States or Israel should realize there could be no solution, no stability, peace or security if inalienable Palestinian rights were ignored. "The Palestinian option is the only option for a just and lasting peace in the Middle East," he added.

The PLO marked the anniversary by parade which featured tanks, long-range artillery rocket-launchers, anti-aircraft guns and a seemingly endless line of Palestinian commando groups, both men and women, carrying the Palestinian and Lebanese flags.

Arafat cut short a visit to East Germany where he was undergoing medical treatment to attend the celebration.

Meanwhile, Pakistani President Muhammad Zia-ul-Haq Wednesday sent greetings to Arafat on the anniversary.

"The people of Pakistan have always considered the cause of their Palestinian brethren as their own and have never hesitated to support them," said the message, which was officially released in Islamabad.

Baghdad airport reopens after 90-day closure

BAGHDAD, Jan. 2 (R) — Iraq has reopened Baghdad airport to passenger flights more than three months after closing it at the start of the war with Iran. Iraqi Airways said Friday.

The move was made discreetly with no public announcement. Iranian fighter bombers have not raided Baghdad since late October but they are still making occasional strikes on targets elsewhere in Iraq.

For autonomy Mideast to see new peace plan

CAIRO, Jan. 2 — A distinguished American source, who recently visited Cairo, told Arab News that he believes another agreement for solving the Middle East crisis is at hand, although its nature has not as yet been worked out.

The source said that appreciation of the Camp David effort notwithstanding, it must be recognized that this approach has suffered a great deal from its lack of clearly-conceived strategic follow-up.

The source, who is expected to play a major role in future negotiations over the Middle East, emphasized that his main objection to the Camp David process centered on the approach adopted by its adherents, which concentrated primarily on matters of detail rather than dealing first with the fundamental issues.

The source revealed that the United States, for example, has yet to work out its understanding of the nature and extent of Palestinian autonomy which the Camp David agreements propose. He added that Egypt and Israel both have their own conceptions of this, but they are diametrically opposed on almost every point.

Speaking of a possible future Jordanian role, the figure said that Jordan was willing to play an active part in finding a peaceful solution for the Middle East problem. However, Jordan is unwilling to participate in the present negotiations because it does not know the limits of the role it is supposed to play within them, he added.

The source, who had several meetings with President Sadat and senior members of his administration, told Arab News that he found no foreboding in Egyptian circles about President-elect Reagan's accession to power in Washington. But he added that the Egyptian president would welcome an early statement from the new administration regarding America's stand on the course of the peace process in the Middle East.

The source then concluded by telling that in his view the United States does not need more than the military facilities the Egyptians are willing to grant, and there is no real need for bases in the country. He shared the view of senior Egyptian military figures he had met, who felt that the American arms shipment schedules to Egypt were too slow. He said the Reagan Administration would take a more positive attitude than that of Carter in this respect.

To meet officials Kissinger due Jan. 6

JEDDAH, Jan. 2 (Agencies) — Former United States Secretary of State Dr. Henry Kissinger will make a private visit to Saudi Arabia Jan. 6, it was reported here. *Aswat Al-Awsat* said Friday although Kissinger's visit "is private, the former secretary of state has asked to meet several Saudi Arabian officials."

Kissinger flew into Mogadishu Thursday for a one-day visit and held talks with Somali President Mohamed Siad Barre on the troubled situation in the Horn of Africa but no details were disclosed.

Meanwhile, it was reported from Cairo that Kissinger was to make an unscheduled visit to Aswan Friday, apparently to meet with President Anwar Sadat after his visit to Somalia.

Kissinger was to come back to Cairo after a 24-hour visit to Mogadishu, which was not originally on his five-nation tour in the area. A Cairo airport security official told reporters awaiting Kissinger's return the change in plans was "sudden." He added that Kissinger was traveling on an Egyptian presidency plane.

After his talks with President Siad Barre in Mogadishu, Kissinger told reporters he believed the Horn of Africa was one of the world's most strategically important areas.

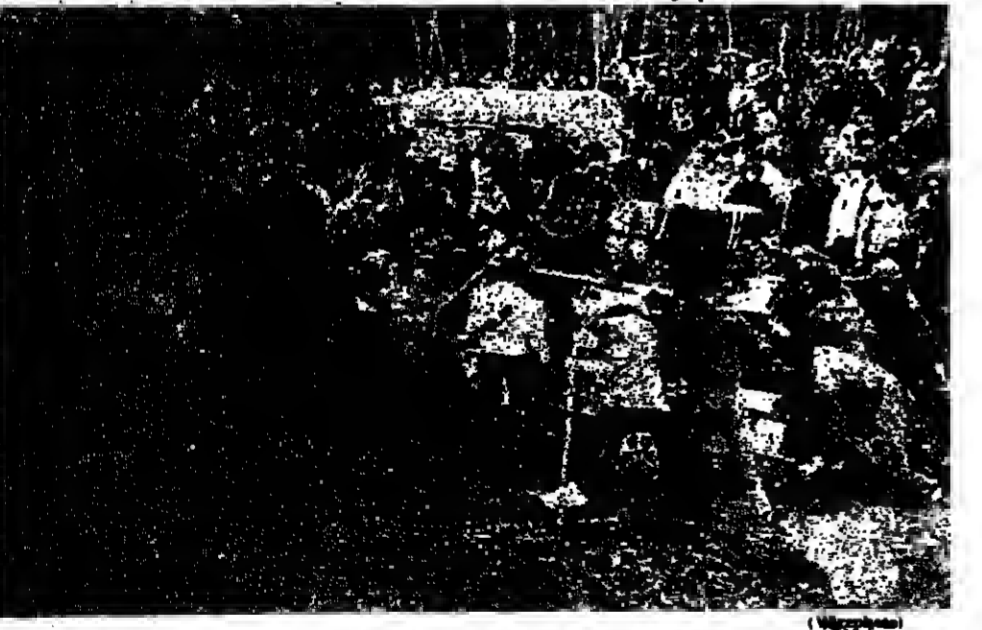
United States and Somalia reached formal agreement in October on U.S. use of the Soviet-built military base at Berbera on the Gulf of Aden.

Kissinger said he believed the incoming Reagan administration will be more willing to "establish a balance of power" in the Horn of Africa than the outgoing Carter administration.

"I also think that the Reagan administration would be somewhat more oriented to strategic and political considerations, and be more ready to establish a balance of power, locally, than the previous administration," he said.

Kissinger was clearly referring to U.S. moves to balance the Soviet-Cuban presence in Ethiopia, Somalia's neighbor and rival in the conflict over the Ogaden, the arid region of southeastern Ethiopia claimed by Somalia.

Kissinger will be "very warmly received" when he arrives in Tel Aviv Saturday, an authoritative source said.



RACING CAR BOGGED: 120 kms after the starting of the 10,000 kms Paris-Dakar Rally, a car taking part in the race bogged during the special trial on the military ground of the Olive, near Orleans, France, on Thursday. 250 cars, trucks and motorbikes were lined up at the starting place, near the Eiffel tower.

In U.S. Liberty book to be read on radios

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 — "Assault on the Liberty," a crew member's eyewitness account of the Israeli attack on a U.S. intelligence ship during the 1967 Middle East war, will be read on the air, in its entirety, over an American radio network beginning next month.

The book, written by retired navy officer James Ennes, will be read in 20 daily segments, starting Jan. 6, over the Radio Reader network, which includes over 40 radio stations across the United States.

Ennes's book, now in its second printing despite apparent efforts by pro-Israeli interests to frustrate bookstore sales, has received high praise from such prominent figures as Senator Adlai Stevenson, Sen. Barry Goldwater, former Senators William Fulbright and James Abourezk, and former Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Thomas Moorer.

In his book, Ennes contends the Israeli attack on the USS Liberty, which left 34 crewmen dead and over 180 wounded, was a deliberate attempt to sink the ship, and not an "accident" as Israel claimed at the time. Ennes also accuses the U.S. government of covering up the facts of the incident.

Assault on the Liberty will be read over the air by Dick Estell of Michigan State University, Ennes told Arab News.

"Estell selects books for their readability and dramatic effect," Ennes said. "He can read only about a dozen books a year, and often picks exciting fiction such as 'Jaws', which is helped to popularize. The fact that he has chosen 'Assault on the Liberty' is a fine tribute." Supporters of Israel have tried to minimize publicity for Ennes' book, according to sources. The book, although published by a major firm, Random House, is not available in any bookstores in New York City, Ennes said.

"My editor tells me the book is continuing to sell well, despite peculiar things that happen," Ennes said. "For instance, one of the major wholesalers for much of the country has been out of books since August with the books supposedly on order the entire time."

"Meanwhile, of course, none of the stores served by that dealer could stock the book. I just discovered that the order never reached Random House. This is typical of the strange sorts of things that are making my book difficult to find in the stores..."

Meanwhile, according to Frank Maria,

sponsor of the 1967 American Legion resolution asking for investigation of the incident, the payment of \$6 million as compensation for an attack by Israeli forces on the American naval vessel Liberty is not enough.

Upon reading about the settlement, Maria wrote a number of letters to influential Republicans saying: "I note that Israel has agreed to pay \$6 million to the United States as compensation, which we all know will come from the billions of dollars Israel receives from the U.S. per year. This sudden agreement, however, after 13 long years, which was probably made to deflect an adequate investigation does not answer the two basic questions:

1) Was Israel's attack which resulted in the death of 34 Americans and the wounding of 171 deliberate, and if so why? 2) Was there a coverup by the Johnson administration and succeeding administrations and if so why?"

Maria has written to the vice-president-elect, George Bush; the new Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Charles H. Percy; Senator Barry Goldwater and Senator Mark Hatfield urging the continuation of the long overdue congressional investigation.

Speakers mark PLO revolution

JEDDAH, Jan. 2 (SPA) — Mecca Deputy Governor Prince Saud bin Abdul Mohsen said he is confident that the third Islamic summit will adopt effective measures for dealing with the Palestine cause.

The statement was made during a ceremony at Fateh's office here Wednesday night to mark the 16th anniversary of the Palestine revolution. Speaking on behalf of Mecca Governor Prince Majed, Abdul Mohsen said Muslim leaders will join hands to restore Islamic honor by liberating Jerusalem from the Zionist's grip. He also paid tribute to the Afghan freedom fighters in their liberation struggle.

In another speech, the assistant secretary general of the Organization of the Islamic Conference hailed Fateh's efforts for liberating Palestine and Jerusalem, and recovering the inalienable national rights of the Palestinians. Arshad-uz-Zaman also said OIC resolutions support the legitimate rights of the Palestinians.

In addition, Rafiq Al-Natsha, Fateh's representative in Saudi Arabia, expressed his appreciation to the Kingdom for its continuous material and moral support to the Palestinian cause. He thanked the King in particular, Crown Prince Fahd and Second Deputy Premier Prince Abdullah for all they have done for the cause. Natsha affirmed that there can be no peace in the area without the restoration of Palestine.

Auto mission planned

JEDDAH, Jan. 2 — The United States Overseas Automotive Club Trade Mission will visit Saudi Arabia from January 9 through January 21, a U.S. embassy press statement reported Friday. Eleven firms will be represented in the mission, whose products include complete lines of automotive and truck parts, accessories and service/maintenance equipment, according to the statement.



ANNIVERSARY: Rafiq Natsha, Fateh's representative to the Kingdom, addresses participants in the ceremony marking the Palestine Liberation Organization's revolution.

In Eastern Province

Sewage projects approved

DAMMAM, Jan. 2 (SPA) — The board of the Eastern Province Water and Sewage Department met under the department's director general, Abdullah Muhammad Al-Babtain, Wednesday and commissioned a number of contracts. The projects include a SR4 million contract with a one-year implementation deadline for the construction of six concrete water reservoirs in Dammam and Khobar. Each reservoir will have a 200

cubic meter capacity.

The contracts also included SR30,792,000 over a 15-month period to replace worn out pipes in Al-Ommal district section of Dammam's sewage network. The board also discussed study undertaken by the department on the possibility of linking the sewage networks of Dhahran and the University of Petroleum and Minerals with the new purification units at Al-Khobar. It approved a number of priority projects in the board's 1981-82 budget.

Harakan thanks King

MECCA, Jan. 2 (SPA) — Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Harakan, the secretary general of the Muslim World League, Thursday cabled his thanks to King Khaled, on behalf of the World Higher Council of Mosques, for a SR3 million donation to help the mosques' fund. He also thanked Crown Prince Fahd for the continuous assistance the fund receives from the Kingdom.

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Maghreb	5:52	5:47	5:18
Isha	7:22	7:17	6:48

Royal entourage concludes Hail tour

RIYADH, Jan. 2 (SPA) — King Khaled returned here from Hail Thursday afternoon at the conclusion of a tour of Qasim and Hail provinces. Crown Prince Fahd arrived separately in the evening with Riyadh Governor Prince Salman and other officials.

Before leaving Hail, the King gave audience to hundreds of people from Hail and the surrounding area. The people had flocked to the palace since early morning to greet the leader. Later, Prince Abdullah said King Khaled intended to visit other areas in the Kingdom as soon as possible. He said that the King is intent on meeting the people personally in order to consider their needs. He added that throughout the tour, he gave directives in state officials to redouble their efforts to fulfill third development plan objectives and

ensure higher living standards.

Prince Fahd said he is proud of the great achievement and major projects implementation throughout Saudi Arabia, and that Hail is no exception. Projects totaling SR9,063,000,000 are underway in Hail, the prince said. Road projects alone amount to SR 378 million, and the runway for Hail's airport cost SR 1 billion, he added.

In addition, other social affairs, health and information projects totaling SR900 million are underway. The projects include a radio transmitter, schools, the development of Hail's hospital and the establishment of a string of clinics. A SR500 million Youth Welfare Center also has been completed. Water, electricity and agricultural projects in the area under the third development plan total

SR 994 million for Hail.

Municipal projects total SR 300 million, including asphalt paving construction, lighting, public parks and expansion of the water network. Education projects for both sexes also are under consideration. The Real Estate Development Fund has given more than 7,100 loans to the area's citizens totaling some SR 1,970,000,000 to help build houses. Also, 400 housing units are under construction in Hail during the third plan. These achievements were made possible by the grace of God, Prince Fahd said. Hail Governor Prince Migeen told newsmen after the King left that he was honored by the King's visit, just as the citizens were. He said the King ordered that SR 1 billion be allocated for Hail to cover the city's urgent requirements.

COMMENT

By Abdul Ghani Qisti
Al Bilad

Religious ties have brought Pakistan and Afghanistan closer and prompted the government in Islamabad to open its borders for Afghan refugees suffering from the Communist onslaught in their country.

Such ties, with all the elements of mercy and humanity, will continue to enjoy support from Islamic countries, especially Saudi Arabia. The recent visits of Crown Prince Fahd and Minister of the Interior Prince Naif to the Afghan refugee camps on the borders of Afghanistan and Pakistan provide evidence that Saudi Arabia strongly supports every Islamic action that tends to restore Muslims' rights, freedom and sovereignty and enables them to live a life of respect and dignity.

The tragedy of Afghanistan has, in fact, injured the heart of every Muslim, which can be healed only with the departure of Russian invaders from the territory of Afghanistan. But this tragedy cannot be eliminated unless the Islamic forces stand solidly in the face of Soviet Union's armed invasion and gives unrestricted support to Afghan revolutionaries in every possible way.

At the same time, Islamic states ought to persist in their efforts to find a peaceful solution through negotiations, especially under aegis of the United Nations, so that a time schedule is provided for the withdrawal of the Soviet forces from Afghanistan. This must be borne in mind that the U.N. itself has urged the need for the withdrawal of the Russians from this Islamic country.

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EEC plans new move on M.E., Heath says

CAIRO, Jan. 2 (Agencies) — Former British Prime Minister Edward Heath has told Egyptian officials that European Community countries plan new contacts aimed at solving problems hindering current U.S.-sponsored Middle East peace process, the newspaper *Al Gomhouria* reported Thursday.

Heath concluded a two-day visit to Egypt Wednesday and left for Jordan after holding talks with President Anwar Sadat and a number of Egyptian officials.

In Amman, Heath met Thursday with Jordan's Foreign Minister Marwan Kassem and discussed with him the Middle East question and the Palestinian issue.

Al Gomhouria quoted Heath, following a meeting with Sadat, that West Europe can help solve the problems through introducing detailed proposals and facing dangers surrounding the area resulting from Soviet ambitions.

The problems blocking a Middle East settlement were identified as self-determination of the 1.5 million Palestinians living on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, Jewish settlements on occupied Arab lands, and Israel's security.

This paper quoted Heath as saying that

Western Europe, particularly Britain and France with the help of the United States, have the potential for checking any Soviet expansionist attempt in the Middle East.

EEC countries apparently deferred continuing their earlier contacts in the area to rescue the bogged down autonomy negotiations until after President-elect Ronald Reagan takes over Jan. 20.

Heath was also quoted as saying that Sadat still believes that the Palestinian autonomy negotiations between Egypt, Israel and the United States could achieve progress on the basis of the Camp David agreements.

Meanwhile, Egypt's State Minister for Foreign Affairs Botros Ghali left Cairo Friday for South America, where he will deliver messages from Sadat to the leaders of Argentina, Chile, Peru and Mexico. Ghali told reporters at Cairo airport the messages were oral, but did not divulge their contents.

Ghali, the number-two architect of Egypt's foreign policy, said he was going on this tour to "try and maintain public opinion in favor of Egypt's moves for peace" with Israel. He said public opinion was a means of indirect pressure on the Israeli government, to be more flexible in its negotiations with Egypt on granting self-rule to the Palestinians.



Edward Heath

Labor to negotiate Palestine solution with Jordan--Eban

TEL AVIV, Jan. 2 (Agencies) — Former Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban said Thursday that a future Labor government would strive to negotiate a solution to the Palestinian problem on the basis of negotiations with Jordanian representatives and "moderate Palestinians."

Eban, a Labor member of parliament, outlined his party's approach in a press conference here. He is widely expected to return to the foreign ministry if the Labor Party wins the next Israeli parliamentary elections.

He said: "The Israeli-Jordanian relations and the Israeli-Palestinian problems are so closely linked that one cannot be solved without the other."

Negotiations with Jordan had become impossible since the precedent set by Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's holding peace talks in Jerusalem in 1977, Eban said, claiming that he was however, sure King Hussein would examine new and constructive Israeli proposals.

Meanwhile, a public opinion poll Thursday predicted that the opposition Labor Party would win a big victory over Prime Minister Menachem Begin's Likud Party if elections were held now.

The poll in the *Jerusalem Post* gave Labor 63 seats in the 120-seat Knesset against the Likud's 24.

Begin's coalition holds a three-seat majority in the Knesset. He has to call elections by next November at the latest.

The poll predicted that a new center party led by former Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan and former Defense Minister Ezer Weizman would win 17 Knesset seats, taking seven for Labor, six from the Likud and the rest from smaller parties.

But Dayan has said he is not interested in leading such a party.

Mideast issues dominate U.N. Council in 1980

UNITED NATIONS, Jan. 2 (R) — Middle East issues again dominated the Security Council in 1980, accounting for 38 of its 77 meetings held during the year, according to an official tally issued here.

Only seven meetings were devoted to the fighting between Iran and Iraq, which the council was unable to halt, while six meetings dealt with the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan, where the council also had to admit failure.

South African developments accounted for nine meetings, and there were five meetings on Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe).

Other matters taken up by the council included the Cyprus question, Malta's complaint of aggression by Libya, the Iranian seizure of American hostages, and the admission of new members to the United Nations.

The total number of council meetings held in 1980 was the same as in 1979. The most active year in the council's 35-year history was 1948, when the Middle East conflict and other issues had the world body in session no less than 168 times. The quietest year for the council was 1954, when it held only 32 meetings.

Pakistan's unions reject government labor policy

ISLAMABAD, Jan. 2 (AP) — President Gen. Muhammad Zia ul-Haq held a hastily scheduled meeting Wednesday with union leaders who, in a surprising show of independence from the regime, rejected the government's proposed labor policy. A government statement on the meeting did not indicate that the disagreement had been resolved.

The rejection, expressed in strong language at a government-sponsored conference of labor, management and government representatives, was unexpected since all delegates were hand-picked by the authorities.

It was seen as a rebuff to the government which had convened the meeting with considerable publicity. Newspapers in Karachi, Pakistan's largest city and an important center of union activism, were ordered by censors to use only reports on the conference issued by state-subsidized news agencies, informed sources said.

The government has been under pressure from both Pakistani industrialists and the International Monetary Fund to evolve a new labor party replacing the relatively liberal 1969 industrial relations ordinance, which has been cited as a barrier to investment.

Habre to continue Chad battle

PARIS, Jan. 2 (R) — Former Chad Defense Minister Hissene Habre, whose forces were driven from the capital N'Djamena last month by Libyan-backed government forces, says he will continue to fight until foreign troops leave the country.

In an interview published Friday in the Paris-based African daily *Le Continent*, Habre said his Northern Armed Forces (FAN) voluntarily pulled out of war-torn N'Djamena Dec. 15 to spare the civilian population further suffering and to continue

the battle on other fronts.

"I can assure you that the FAN are intact," he said. "They will continue the battle until the external enemy has been kicked out of our country."

Habre, defeated after nine months of bitter civil strife with the forces of President Goukouni Quedde, told the daily he could never accept what he called Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi's "hegemonic and annexationist designs" on Chad and its African neighbors.

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NEW DELHI, (AP) — India and Pakistan will soon swap 20 alleged spies imprisoned for several years in the two countries, Pakistani Ambassador Abdul Sattar has said. In an interview a local newspaper editor, Sattar said about 500 Indians were in Pakistani jails. He said they included "spies, smugglers and thieves."

VERSAILLES, France, (AFP) — A man found shot dead in a car here was Friday identified as an employee of the Iraqi embassy in Paris. A sum of \$25,000 he had withdrawn from his bank the day he disappeared was no longer in his possession, police said. Salem Suleiman, 39, who had the job of maintaining contact between the embassy and French public works enterprises, was reported missing by his wife on Dec. 24.

BEIRUT, (AP) — The Armenian Secret Army for the Liberation of Armenia threatened Friday to "attack all Swiss diplomats throughout the world" for alleged mistreatment by the Swiss government of two Armenian commandos in a Geneva prison, a communiqué said.

TEL AVIV, (AP) — Deputy Prime Minister Yigael Yadin underwent hospital tests Thursday after he was taken to hospital the night before when he felt ill.

ALGIERS, (R) — Algerian authorities were Wednesday counting the cost of the violent storm which swept the coast of western Algeria earlier this week.



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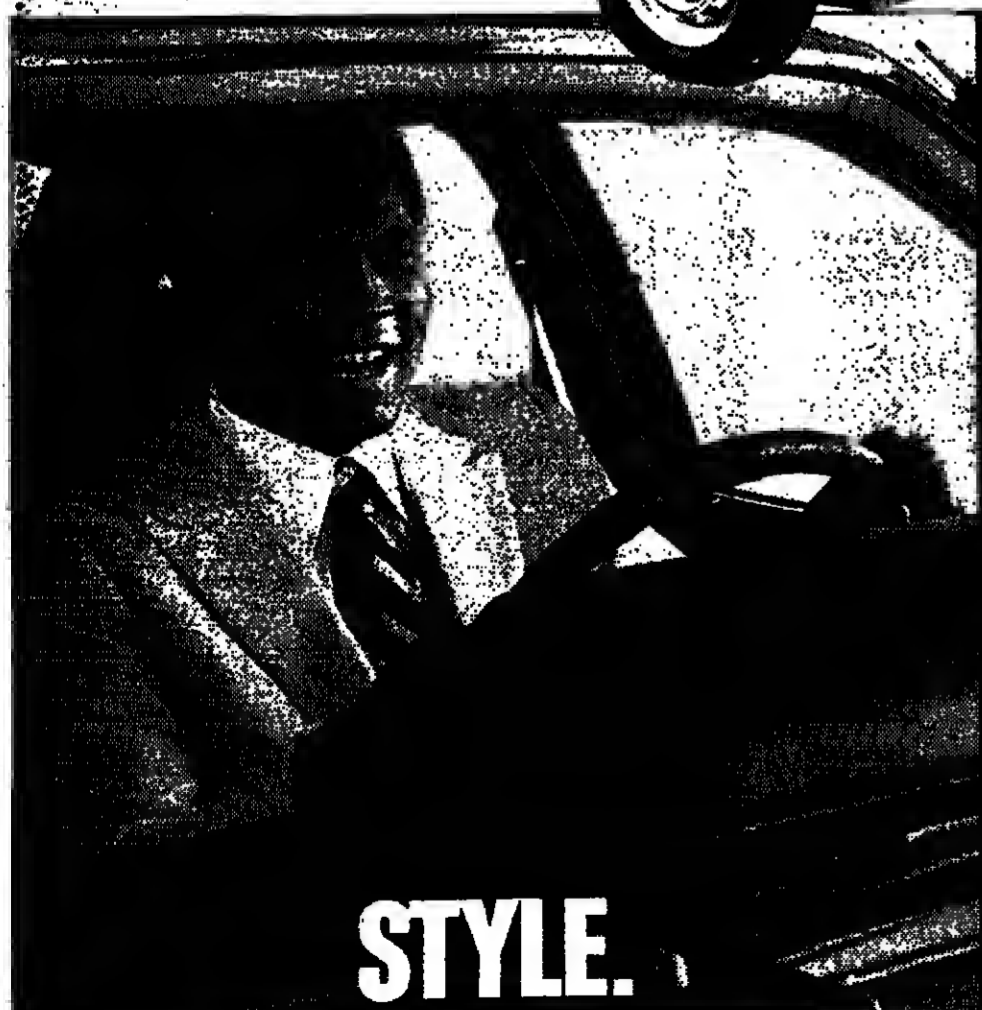
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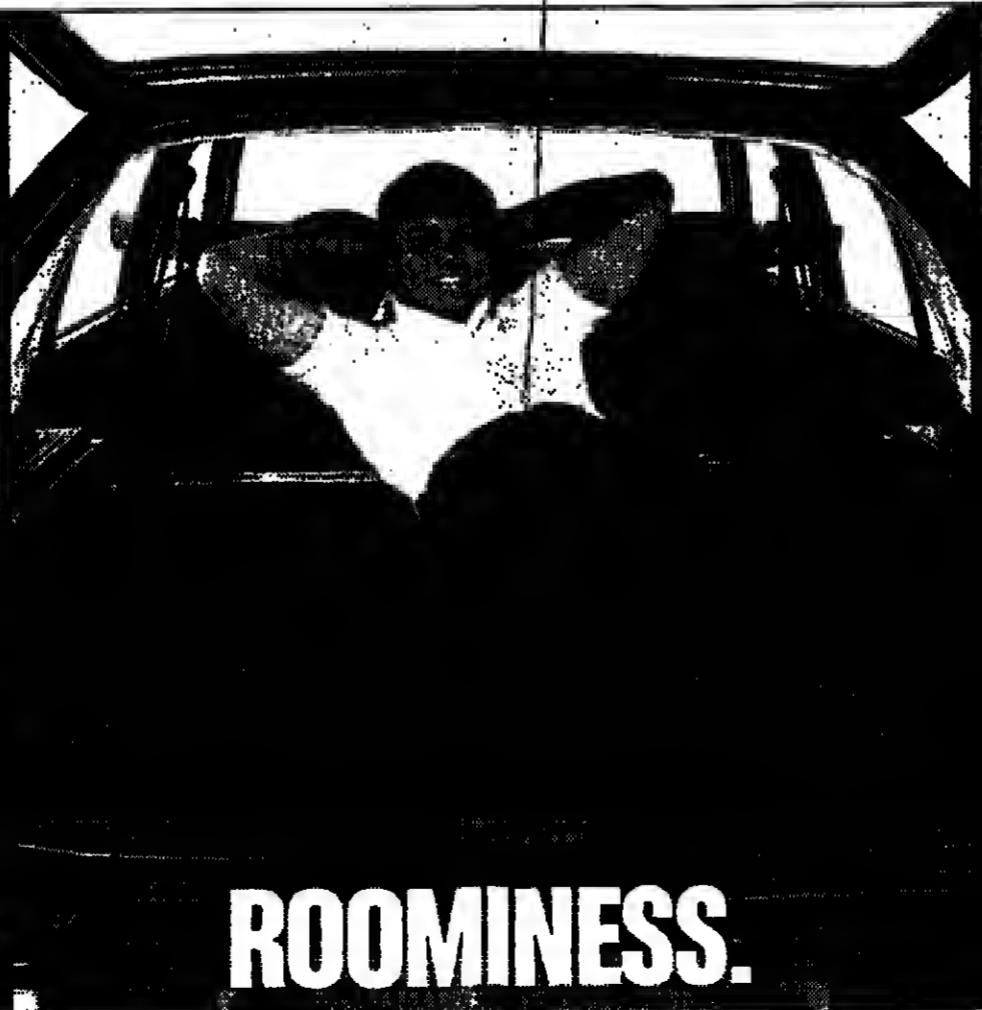
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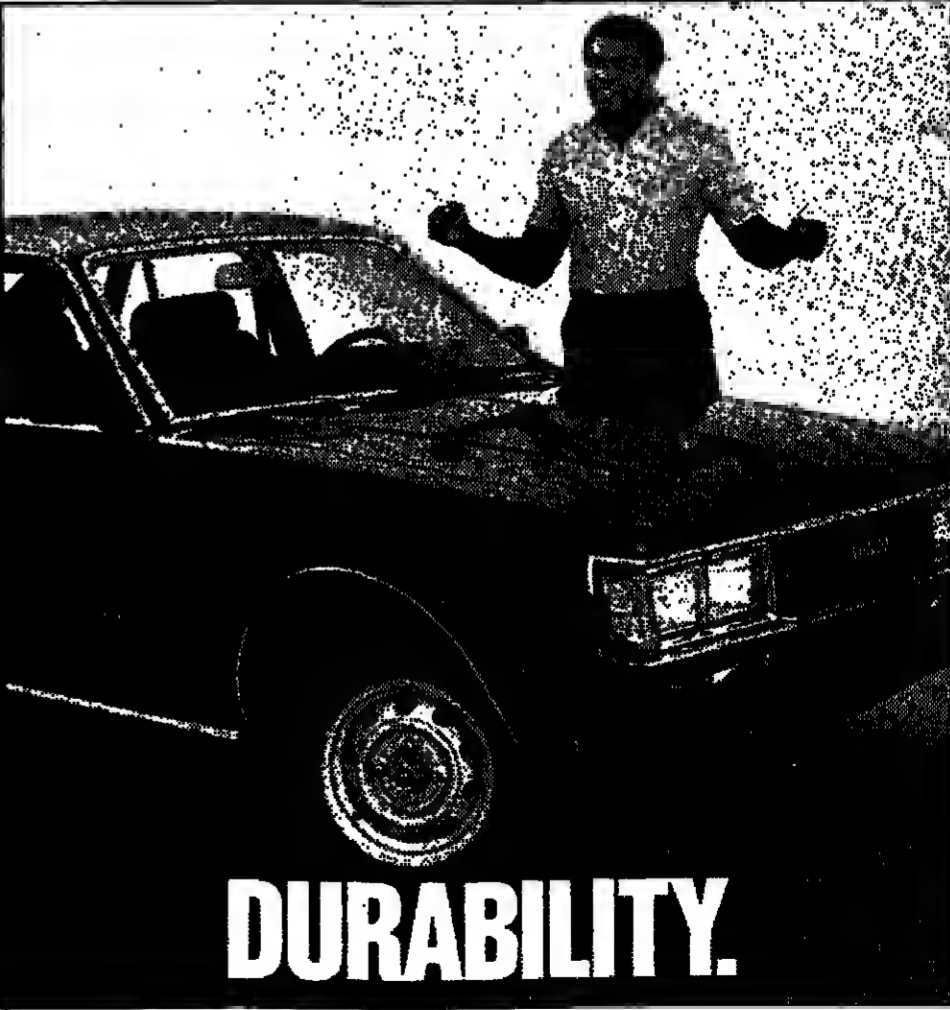
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To score 12th straight win

Celtics struggle

NEW YORK, Jan. 2 (AP) — It wasn't the best Boston Celtic offense — but then it didn't have to be, the way the defense was playing. "Our defense saved us," under-scored coach Bill Sitch.

Chris Ford was a big part of it Thursday night, holding high-powered freeman Williams in just six points as the Celtics beat the San Diego Clippers 88-85 for their 12th straight National Basketball Association victory.

"I tried to deny him the ball and keep him from going to the middle," said Ford of his defensive work on Williams, who had been averaging 30 points over the Clippers' most recent nine games and 19.7 overall.

The Celtics nailed down the game on Cedric Maxwell's three-point play with seven seconds left. "We played good enough to win," said San Diego coach Paul Silas. "A couple of plays here and there, and we would have had it."

In other NBA action, Portland beat Denver 122-119 and Houston stopped Utah 117-103.

With the Celtics trailing 85-83, Maxwell stole the ball with about 20 seconds to play. After Boston moved downcourt, the 6-foot-8 forward made a lay-up and was fouled by Phil Smith. Maxwell then converted the free-throw to give Boston an 86-85 lead.

Robert Parish led the Celtics with 16 points and eight rebounds. Joe Bryant paced the Clippers with a season-high 22 points.

Kelvin Ransey scored 29 points, including Portland's last eight, to lead the Trail Blazers

over Denver. Ransey also had nine assists and five rebounds in leading the Blazers to their fifth straight victory and 14th in 15 games. The loss snapped Denver's season-high winning string at two games.

The Nuggets' David Thompson barely missed a three-point field goal try that would have tied the game at the buzzer.

Korchnoi wins seventh

MERANO, Italy, Jan. 2 (AP) — Victor Korchnoi tied up the World Candidate Chess final tournament Thursday with a New Year's Day victory in the seventh game over Robert Hubner of West Germany.

The two players are now tied with 3.5 points apiece. Each player has won two games and three have been drawn. The winner of the tournament will challenge champion Anatoly Karpov of the Soviet Union for the world title this summer.

Meanwhile in Hastings Lev Alburt, 35-year-old Soviet defector now living in the United States scored an impressive win Wednesday in the third round of the Hastings International Chess Congress over Jonathan Mestel of Britain in 30 moves, playing with the white and opened a lead of a clear point in the overall standings.

His closest challenger Paul Littlewood, 25, of Britain faced tough opposition playing black against Vladimir Liverzon of Israel and was at a disadvantage at the adjournment with defeat possible.



WORLD CHESS: Victor Korchnoi moves his bishop as Robert Hubner writes down the move.

McNamara advances

MELBOURNE, Jan. 2 (AFP) — Australian Davis Cup player Peter McNamara, playing in front of his home town crowd, received the biggest thrill of his life when he won his way into the semi-finals of the \$350,000 Marlboro Australian Open with a marathon five-sets victory on the Kooyong Center court on Thursday.

McNamara, 25, won 7-6, 5-7, 6-2, 6-7, 6-3 in four hours seven minutes over left-handed American Peter Rennett.

The win guarantees McNamara, who has only gained prominence on the professional tour in the last 18 months, his biggest-ever prize money cheque.

He meets the winner of another quarter-final between big serving American Brian Teacher and his doubles partner Paul McNamee in the semi and will pick up at least \$13,405.

McNamee, when combined with McNamara to win the Wimbledon doubles title, was locked in a tough match with Teacher who was leading two sets to one when play was stopped due to bad light.

McNamara found it impossible to gain a clear advantage over Rennett, a quarter-finalist here last year, until the match had been in progress for almost four hours.

Rennett dropped serve at 2-3 in the fifth set and then apart from being 0-30 down in the following game McNamara was never troubled on his serve and held the break to win the match.

McNamara said after the match that despite reaching the semi-finals of this Grand Slam tournament and winning the doubles at Wimbledon, he still does not regard himself as a grass court player.

McNamara attributed his fine performance this week, which includes victories over Brian

Gottfried and Peter Fiegl, to some invaluable assistance from Australian Davis Cup captain Neale Fraser.

McNamara said that having Fraser sitting in the stands during his match provided him with the moral support which may have turned the match in his favor.

McNamee has never beaten either Teacher or McNamara in one match a piece. However, he said he would prefer to play Teacher as he would find it difficult to play his close friend and doubles partner.

The McNamee-Teacher match will be continued on the center court Friday with the American leading 6-4, 4-6, 6-0.

Antony upsets Mats

PORT WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 (AP) — Antony Emerson, son of former pro tennis player Roy Emerson of Australia, upset third-seeded Mats Wilander of Sweden in the fourth round Thursday in the fourth annual Rolex International Junior Tennis Championships.

The eighth-seeded Emerson, now living in California and playing in the boys' 18-years-and-under division, beat the Swedish player 7-5, 3-6, 6-3 to advance to the quarter-finals on Friday.

Only three Americans advanced to the quarter-finals. Fifth-seeded Eric Korita beat Fabio Minodet of Venezuela 6-1, 7-5, Todd Witsken stopped unseeded countryman Harold Hecht 6-4, 7-6 and Tom Fantana ran past Gary Levin (U.S.) 6-1, 6-3.

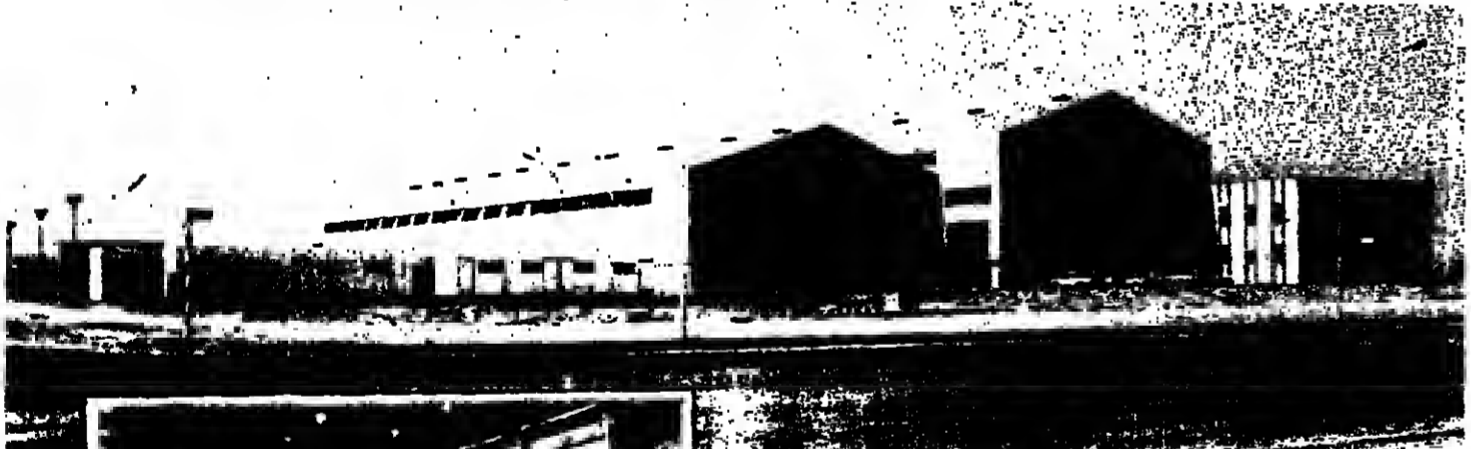
Craig Venter of South Africa, the No. 2 seed, reached the round of eight by beating Elyoo Sinal of Israel 6-3, 6-3, while Jean-Luc Cotard of France, Joakim Mystrom of Sweden and Luca Bottazzi of Italy also advanced.

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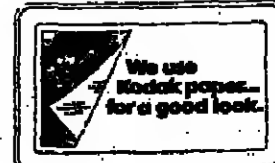
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With late goals

Argentina scrapes past West Germany

MONTEVIDEO, Jan. 2 (AP) — World Cup holders Argentina staged a remarkable recovery to score two goals in the final 10 minutes to defeat European champions West Germany 2-1 in the Gold Cup Soccer Tournament in Centenario Stadium here Thursday night.

West Germany led 1-0 at half-time on a 41st minute header by Horst Hrubesch.

Argentine captain Daniel Passarella equalized in the 48th minute with a deflection of fullback Manny Kartz and Ramon Diaz grabbed the winner three minutes later.

It was West Germany's first defeat in 24 matches under coach Jupp Derwall.

The West Germans, well organized in defense and quick on the break, looked to have the match fairly under control and Argentina was struggling to find its rhythm for most of the evening.

Then the game underwent a remarkable transformation. First substitute Daniel Valencia took a corner on the right that Passarella headed down. The ball went into the net off Kartz.

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Argentina is grouped with West Germany and Brazil in the six-team "Mini World Cup" competition. Italy, Holland and host nation Uruguay are paired together in the other group. The two group winners meet January 10 in the final of the tournament, which marks the 50th anniversary of the first world cup.

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in the 20th minute when Rummenigge crossed and Klaus Allofs appeared to be pushed in the penalty area by Passarella. The referee gave an indirect free kick. However Rainer Bonhof's first attempt was saved by goalkeeper Ubaldo Fillol and Hansi Mueller's second attempt was charged down.

With Rummenigge and Allofs linking well, the Germans began to take control.

Rummenigge earned a corner in the 41st minute and from Mueller's kick, Hrubesch leaped high at the far post and pushed a header into the opposite corner.

The introduction of Daniel Valencia for Mario Kempers just before halftime lifted the Argentines.

The Germans stood firm against the early flurry from the Argentine offense and in the 50th minute Hrubesch's thumping free kick from outside the Argentine area forced a

good save from Fillol.

They play swung from end to end as both teams created chances, but the Germans appeared to have the edge over the individualistic South Americans.

With 10 minutes remaining, Hrubesch was inches wide with a header from a Magath cross. Theo suddenly the Argentines exploded into action. Passarella's header provided the inspiration and Diaz's second goal was a worthy winner of any match.

The victory made Argentina the favorite to win its semi-final group and the tournament title. It faces Brazil in its next match Sunday.

Uruguay leads the other group, having whipped Holland in Tuesday's inaugural match and goes against Italy on Saturday.

ARGENTINA — Fillol, Galvan, Tarantini,

Olguio, Gallego, Passarella, Bertoni (Luque), Ardiles, Diaz, Maradona, Kempes (Valencia).

WEST GERMANY — Schumacher, Kartz, Bonhof, Foerster Dietz, Brigel, Magath, Mueller, Rummenigge, Hrubesch, Allofs.

West German coach, Jupp Derwall, said he was "awed and surprised by the reaction of the Argentine team that turned the game around in the final minutes."

Derwall said the German team played so hard in the first half that it was bothered by the 24-degree centigrade heat and lost momentum late in the contest.

But he took nothing away from Argentina, calling it "an excellent" team with great talent. They all showed how much they know. The German coach had particular praise for forwards Diaz and Maradona and the veteran back Passarella.

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Sandeep Patil injured

Kapil Dev strikes two early blows

SYDNEY, Jan. 2 (AFP) — A head injury to Indian batting hero Sandeep Patil marred an absorbing first day in the first Test match against Australia at the Sydney cricket ground Friday.

Patil was hit just below the left temple by a bouncer from fast bowler, Len Pascoe, after hitting 65, including nine boundaries from 78 balls, during his 142 minute innings. Earlier, he was hit the throat from a delivery by fast bowler Rodney Hogg.

The tall right-hander reeled across the wicket and fell unconscious to the pitch. A local Indian doctor treated Patil as he lay on the ground, and after observation he was taken to St. Vincent's hospital for precautionary X-rays. It is understood that there is no fracture, but it is doubtful whether he will resume the match.

Patil drove magnificently in his 142 minute innings, hitting nine boundaries in only 78 balls. Except for Patil, none of India's batsmen topped 30 on a perfect batting wicket, a most disappointing performance despite the hostility of the Australian attack. But the Indians poor batting performance was almost forgotten in the excitement of Kapil Dev's first two overs.

Kapil dismissed both the Australian openers, John Dyson and Graeme Wood with his first 11 balls.

West Indies are well placed

By Shahid Orakzi Arab News Correspondent

MULTAN, Pakistan, Jan. 2 — West Indies were in a commanding position on the third day of their fourth and final Test against Pakistan here today, gaining a first innings lead of 83 runs and making a solid first-wicket start.

A third-wicket partnership between skipper Javed Miandad (57) and Majid Khan (41) Wednesday and a defiant unbeaten 29 by Wasim Raja were the only saving grace for the home side.

Pakistan, 108 overnight (with no game on New Year's Day) made a disastrous and panicky start when Wasim Bari was run out by his partner, Zaheer Abbas, just did not budge from his crease and then the rot started and

Pakistan lost rest of the six wickets for the addition of only 58 runs.

The man who did the most damage was Joel Carner, who took four Pakistani wickets for thirty runs. He also had distinction of crossing his prize 100 wicket in Test (103 to be exact), running through the tail-enders.

The West Indies had an aggregate lead of 141 with their nine second innings wickets intact and only a miracle could enable Pakistan to save this Test.

West Indies are already one up, winning the Faisalabad Test and drawing the other two at Lahore and Karachi.

For the West Indies, who scored 249 in the innings, Vivian Richards scored 120 runs, the highest score so far by any touring batsman and also the first century by them in the current series. Imran Khan scored a century for Pakistan in the Lahore Test.

Score-board

India (1st innings): S. Gavaskar c March b Lillee 0; C. Chaudhary c Border b Pascoe 30; D. Vengalkar c March b Lillee 22; G. Viswanath b Hogg 26; Yashpal Sharma c March b Pascoe 6; Sandeep Patil retired hurt 65; Kapil Dev c March b Pascoe 22; S. Kirmani c Walters b Lillee 27; R. Bhatia c March b Pascoe 3; K. Dhoni c Wood b Lillee 7; D. Doshi not out 0; Extras 3. Total 201.

Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-36, 3-62, 4-70, 5-78, 6-145, 7-183, 8-186, 9-201.

Bowling: Lillee 20.2-3-86-4; Hogg 14-1-51-1; Pascoe 19-6-61-4.

Australia (1st innings): G. Wood c Kirmani b Kapil Dev 9; J. Dyson c Gavaskar b Kapil Dev 0; G. Chappell batting 41; K. Hughes batting 18; Extras 4. Total (for two wickets) 72.

Fall of wickets: 1-3, 2-14.

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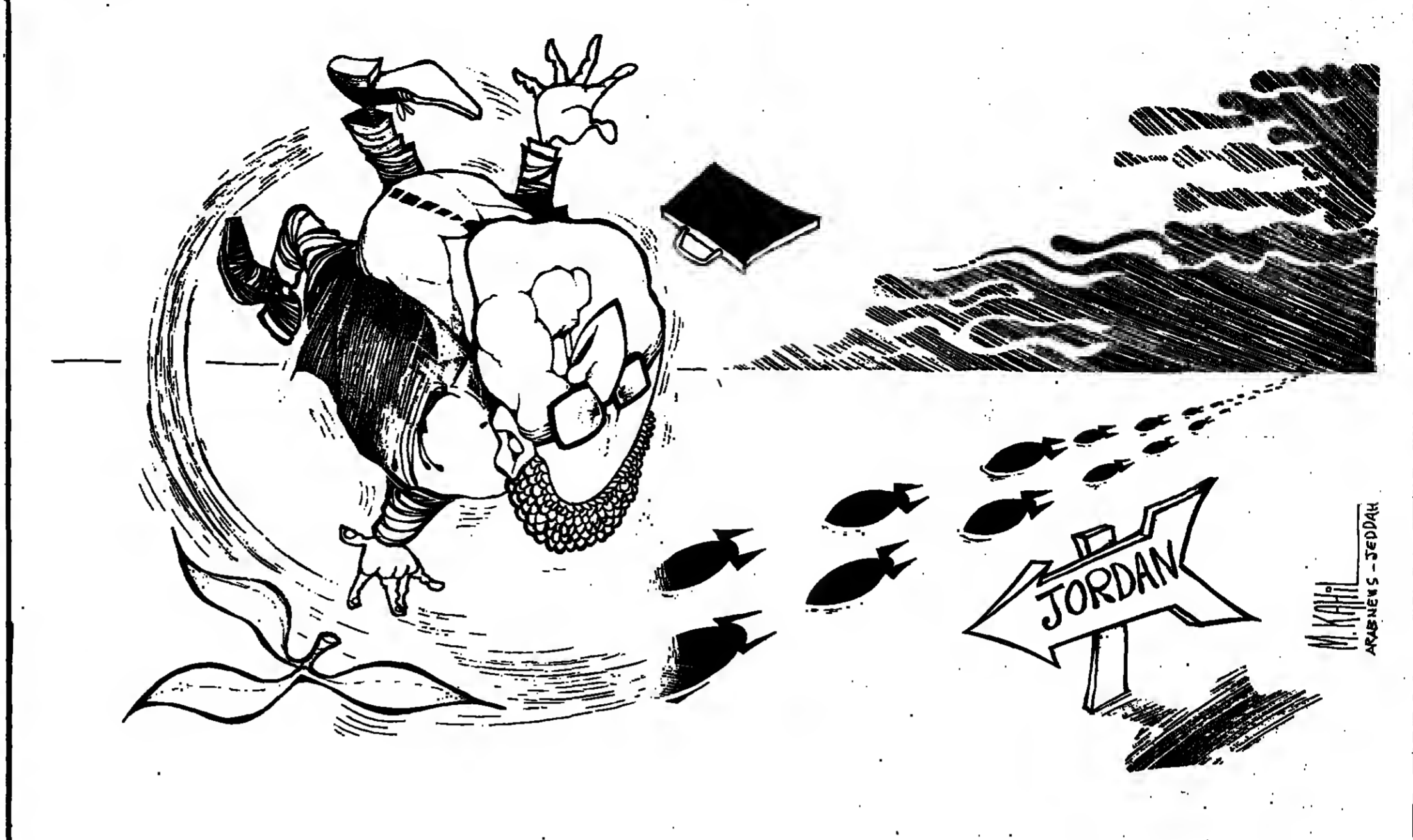
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Sadat's push-and-shove policy with the opposition

By Don Schanche

Two years ago, President Anwar Sadat eagerly promoted the organization of an opposition political party, and even sent his brother-in-law to join it as a symbol of Egypt's move toward democracy. Because it had Sadat's backing, the new Socialist Labor Party (SLP) was widely expected to become only a symbolic opposition, one that would support the president with little more than a token show of dissent.

Today the brother-in-law is gone, back in the ranks of Sadat's overwhelmingly dominant National Democratic Party, and the SLP has grown thorns so sharp that its once-enthusiastic backer has begun taking subtle steps to blunt them.

Such push-and-shove politics is nothing new to Sadat, who several times during his decade of power has allowed opposition groups to flower, then unceremoniously cut them off from public life when their criticism became nettlesome. Before encouraging formation of the new party, for example, he had stifled the right-wing *Wafd* and the leftist Unionist Progressive Parties and won an astonishing 99 per cent public endorsement of the action in a national referendum.

But his moves against the new opposition have been more cautious, even though Socialist Labor Party spokesman Ibrahim Mahmoud Shukri and other party spokesmen have grown bolder in their criticism of many of Sadat's foreign and domestic policies.

"The government has made obstacles for us," said Shukri, who has been under steady attack by the government-influenced national press, and has had increasing difficulty in publishing his own party newspaper, *Al Shaab*. "The majority party people are raising their voices asking the president to crack down on us. But for now, I believe Sadat wants to keep us alive for the sake of appearances."

However, many observers here believe that Sadat's uncharacteristic caution in dampening the opposition has more to do with fears of rising public discontent throughout Egypt than with maintaining the democratic appearance of a relatively weak presidential political party.

"He is a shrewd politician who knows that when everybody is unhappy, you need a pressure valve to let off some of the resentment," a foreign diplomat said. "He will turn the screws on the SLP slowly to keep Shukri from building a broad national following, but he won't drive the party underground. There is so much ill-feeling in Egypt right now that a harsh move against the opposition could backfire."

The quiet shift in Egyptian public opinion is impossible to chart in a country that has no pollsters or means of polling, but it has been evident to observers here for several months. It appears to have nothing to do with partisan politics — and Shukri's party so far has been careful not to provoke Sadat's wrath by openly exploiting it. It centers on

the gut issue of the rising cost of living.

Increasing numbers of Egyptians, who only a year ago looked with awe upon Sadat the peacemaker, Nobel peace prize winner and world statesman, now openly scoff at his name because they believe that he has misdirected and mismanaged the economy.

Ironically, the Egyptian economy is stronger today than at any time since Sadat consolidated his hold on power in mid-1971, when Egypt was verging on bankruptcy. But despite substantial improvements in national earnings and foreign aid, little of the resulting economic growth has trickled down to the farmer and the man on the street. Per capita income remains at \$370 against a grinding annual inflation rate of 30 per cent.

As a result, people whose expectations of a better life were raised by Sadat's peace initiative three years ago now feel pinched to the point of bitterness, and for the first time since the devastating bread riots of January, 1977, many appear to be focusing their anger on the president personally.

In coffee shops and on Cairo streets, where until recently one heard nothing but praise for the president, people now express anger over the luxurious lifestyle of the Sadat family, and over rumors of corruption that, as many hint darkly, extend to the presidential palace itself. While corruption in the form of bribes for favors is endemic to the Egyptian government bureaucracy, there has never been the slightest evidence that the presidency was involved.

Against that background, Shukri and his party colleagues have stepped warily in their personal criticism of Sadat. "Anything personally aimed at him is considered a betrayal, so we try as much as we can not to aim directly at the president, but we take

issue with some of the things he has said," Shukri said.

Some of the party's criticisms have stung Sadat to the point of uncontained anger. While he has quietly tolerated the party's vigorous opposition to normalizing relations with Israel — marked by demonstrations and displays of Palestinian flags when the Israeli embassy opened here in February — he was infuriated recently by a Socialist Labor accusation that he planned to divert some of the Nile's water to Israel.

Sadat dampened the ensuing uproar over the Nile, which every Egyptian recognizes as his lifeblood, by explaining that while he made such an offer to Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin in 1979, it was only a tentative negotiating device and he promptly withdrew it when Begin offered nothing in return.

The Socialist Labor newspaper, *Al Shaab*, stung Sadat again with a thinly veiled suggestion that he appeared to be paving the way for the restoration of the Egyptian monarchy. Sadat had earlier given his blessing to a request by the exiled son of the late King Farouk that his pregnant wife be allowed to come to Cairo to deliver Farouk's grandson on Egyptian soil.

Subsequently, the president sent to Farouk's son, a European businessman who still calls himself Crown Prince Ahmad Fouad, a jeweled sword that had been taken from Farouk when he was deposed. *Al Shaab* complained that Sadat had no right to give away the sword because it was state property. It also argued that Ahmad and his Cairo-born son might one day use the gesture to lay claim to power.

Sadat dismissed some commentary in *Al Shaab* as "filthy," which prompted the opposition party's

Vice-Chairman Muhammad Helmi Murad, a frequent and outspoken contributor to the weekly paper, to file a civil suit asking token damages from the president.

Sadat has not confined his displeasure with the opposition to words alone. Shukri complained that party members have been pressured and in one case even frozen out of a job in order to force them to quit the party. Between June and November, nine SLP members of parliament, including Sadat's brother-in-law, Mamdouh Abu Wafia, have defected, either to become independents or to join Sadat's ruling party. In November another four quit in protest over Murad's appointment as vice-chairman.

As a result, the opposition party now holds only 17 of the 398 seats in the people's assembly, the Egyptian parliament. The party newspaper has also been targeted for harassment. A few weeks ago, Shukri was told that the leading government-influenced publishing house, *Al Ahram*, could no longer supply *Al Shaab* with newsprint. The cut-off forced the SLP to buy commercially at 20 per cent higher cost and to reduce the size of the 90,000-circulation weekly from 16 pages to 12.

While it so far has avoided capitalizing on public sensitivity to Egypt's troublesome cost-price pinch, the SLP has taken economic planners sharply to task for misplaced priorities and criticized the government for painting too flowery a picture of economic growth.

"We will work at our opposition as long as we are able," Shukri said. "We don't want to work underground. If we are stopped or our party newspaper is stopped, then we will disband and announce that there is no democracy." — (LAT)

NO EARLY SOLUTION

The United States has already agreed to a series of financial concessions to Iran, in exchange for the American hostages. But those concessions were well within what the laws of the United States allow. And now that they have been made public, further negotiations over them will be that much more difficult.

The Iranians are calling on Washington to make up its mind quickly on the list of Iranian demands submitted last week through the Algerian mediators. Those same negotiators have conferred with President Carter and his aides over the limits of what the U.S. Administration can do in order to obtain the release of the hostages.

Yet as time runs out for Carter, it begins to look increasingly unlikely that he will be able to take those decisive steps upon which the fate of the hostages will turn. As for the incoming administration of President-elect Reagan, its views on the matter were indicated by Reagan's recent statement, in which he declared that no "ransom" will be paid for the hostages, and called their captors "barbarians."

The general impression now is that the crisis will have no solution either in the short or medium runs. The Americans are unable to give the Iranians what they want, while the Iranian card, which is to bring the hostages before a court on charges of "spying," appears not to be as strong as the Iranians think.

Kenya expected to lift hunting ban

By Alastair Matheson

Kenya is expected to end its four-year-old ban on big game hunting on the advice of an international team of ecologists. In a voluminous report, the ecologists argue that unless Kenya's wildlife can "pay its way," most species are doomed to extinction within a few years. The 1,000-page study was undertaken for the Kenya Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment and financed by the World Bank.

Observers believe the report gives the government the justification needed to end the prohibition on hunting elephants, hippos, rhinos and buffalo, thus giving in to mounting pressure at home and overseas from the very influential hunting lobby. The Kenya authorities are very sensitive to criticism from conservationists, especially as the United Nations Environment Program has its headquarters in Nairobi.

Kenya's wildlife policy, under which 7 per cent of

its land surface provides sanctuary for wildlife in 15 national parks and another 23 national reserves, has been widely acclaimed as a model, despite the massive inroads of organized poaching and the huge illegal traffic in game trophies in which some highly placed Kenyans have been involved.

For these reasons, the ban is likely to be lifted in stages, probably starting with legalized bird shooting and then being extended to the killing of plentiful species and the controlled "cropping" of elephants, buffalo and hippos. Strict protection will remain for the black rhino and other rare species such as the leopard and cheetah.

In apparent defiance of existing restrictions, groups of wealthy people have recently visited Kenya on unpublicized hunting trips. When the activities of the most recent group were disclosed, game authorities said permission had been given by President Daniel Arap Moi. A senior official of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment said: "People should not complain when a few peo-

ple from friendly countries are given licenses by the president to crop a few animals."

Cropping is the term for killing wild animals whose numbers are considered too large for their habitat. An argument is now taking place within Kenya on whether cropping, normally carried out by game wardens and rangers, should be practised by visiting sportsmen. Some conservationists say cropping could be a convenient cover for sport hunting.

The ecologists' report has not yet been officially published by the government, which has set up a screening committee to go into all aspects of the study. However, one of the report's key paragraphs states: "The principal conclusion of this study is that the government cannot afford to forego the further revenue for which hunting has a potential."

Furthermore, the demand for positive protection (against attacks and damage by wild animals) is growing almost daily. In this respect consumptive utilization of all wildlife, not only very large herbivores, should be re-introduced.

In other words, killing wild animals would not only protect farms, but would be a valuable source of meat for the Kenyan people. Summing up Kenya's dilemma over whether wildlife should be conserved at the expense of humans, the report states: "If Kenya were to permit an appreciable number of its citizens to starve to death, in part perhaps because of the costs entailed in safeguarding the four species (elephants, hippos, rhinos and buffalo), the matter would attract far more attention from the global community than would safeguard measures in support of the four species."

Only if the Kenyan population as a whole can derive direct financial benefit from the country's wildlife, can public opinion be brought around to accepting some land being set aside for animal sanctuaries the study says. One of the main recommendations is the setting up of a Kenya wildlife corporation to supervise all aspects of hunting as a "primary industry," with secondary industries as spin-offs, such as taxidermy, skin curing and ivory carving.

The ecologists also suggest that if industrialized countries want to prevent the extinction of unique forms of wildlife, they should be asked to contribute toward the costs which Kenya and other "sanctuary" countries have to meet. The costs, they say, will go far beyond simply paying for land to be reserved as game parks but will have to meet the political and social implications involved.

If Kenya is to tackle the challenge on behalf of the rest of the world, then "in return the community of nations, and especially those nations who can best afford to make these contributions, should consider whether they cannot better share the burden and the responsibility that is so readily assumed by the government of Kenya."

Saudi Arabian Press Review

The weekend newspapers mostly led with King Khalid's visit to Hail which ended Thursday. They highlighted Hail citizen's appreciation of the monarch's Islamic policy and further gave prominence to Crown Prince Fahd's reaffirmation that "achievements of development projects make us feel proud." The crown prince's statement that SR9,063 million have been spent on the development projects of the region was given prominence in the headlines.

In a front-page story, *Al Bilad* reported that the Mecca Islamic summit conference would consider the formation of a ministerial body for financial and economic coordination, while *Al Jazirah* said the summit would discuss the reorganization of relations among the Islamic states as well as the creation of a charter for human rights. *Al Yom* gave front page coverage to the Algerian mediators' departure from Washington carrying the U.S. reply to the Iranian conditions on the release of the U.S. hostages.

Newspaper editorials continued to highlight the events of the royal visit to Hail and his meeting with the people who gave a sincere expression of their love and affection for the monarch. Some editorials concerned themselves with the efforts of the Arab Reconciliation Committee toward the restoration of Arab unity and solidarity, and expressed hope that it would achieve the desired results.

Highlighting the significance of the royal visits to Qasim and Hail regions, *Al Jazirah* and *Okaz* said the warm welcome had surpassed all imagination, as it truly expressed the strong link existing between the people and their leadership. The two papers reaf-

firmed that the King always has been anxious to acquaint himself with the conditions of his people in every region of the country. *Okaz* observed that the royal tour is a good testimony of the fact that Saudi Arabians derive their inspirations from the principles of the Islamic faith in each and every field of activity. The paper highlighted the state's services to the citizens and said that all vital development helps to increase the people's welfare and prosperity in all parts of the country. The large sums of money allocated for the development projects of Qasim and Hail regions demonstrate the government's serious and honest efforts to ensure progress and prosperity of the country on the basis of the Islamic principles, the paper added.

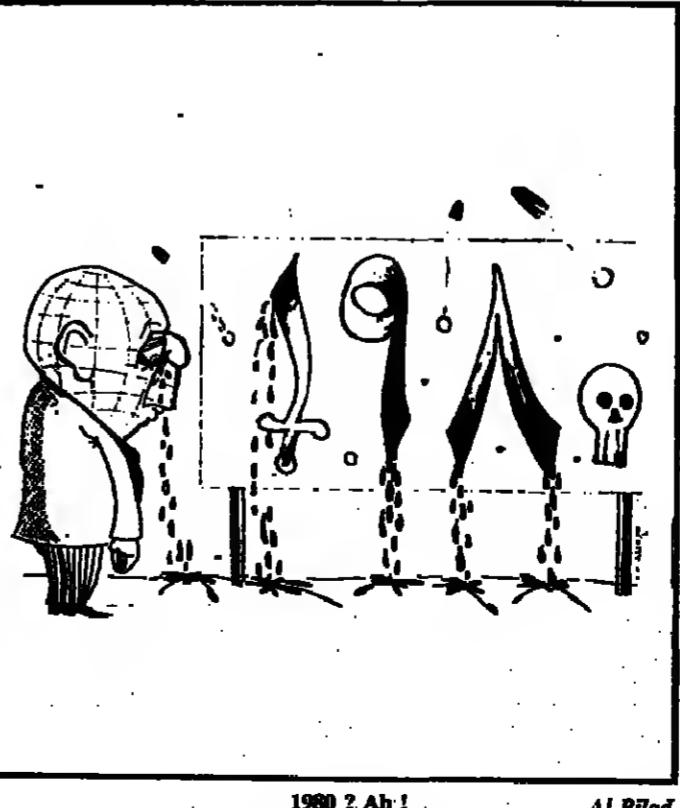
On the same subject, *Al Riyadh* highlighted the royal order for the speedy implementation of all projects so that the march of progress will continue unhindered. The paper noted that on the basis of mutual understanding between the leadership and the people rests the progress of the country. In a similar note, *Al Jazirah* described the royal visits to different places in the northern part of the country as a unique opportunity for the people to express their unbound love for their sovereign and all those assisting him in his efforts for the achievement of people's welfare. The paper expressed the confidence that the march toward progress and prosperity would continue smoothly and would achieve all desired objectives of the state.

Al Yom expressed admiration for the monarch's determination to bear the strains of the journey, in

order to be able to meet his people in different regions of the country. It described the visit as a material achievement and said it carries with it the rich concept of people's welfare and mutual love which is reflected in the unique meeting between the leader and his people. The paper felt proud of the great leader who, it said, richly deserves his people's love and loyalty and who works dedicatedly to elevate the position of Muslims and to achieve their just hopes and aspirations.

On the same subject, *Al Bilad* said the King's meeting with his people represents a picture of a deep cohesion existing between the leader and the people. The paper highlighted the monarch's great concern for the fulfillment of the needs of his people and said that his direct meeting with the people helps in the realization of the country's objectives of building and progress. Whatever the state is doing, its main objective is to work for the progress and development of the people of Saudi Arabia, said the paper, adding that the leadership is consistently working for the welfare of the people who always remain sincere and loyal to the leader.

On the other hand, *Al Madina* discussed the mission of the Arab Reconciliation Committee and expressed optimism over its success in the realization of its noble aims. The paper emphasized the principle of Arab unity and solidarity, saying that every Arab is well aware of the fact that rift among the Arab states would only serve the interests of the enemies of the Arabs. It is, therefore, extremely necessary to create a united Arab front fortified with Arab unity.



At Fort Knox

Guard protects U.S. gold

By Charles Hillinger

FORT KNOX, Ky. — George B. Wright has a mind-boggling job. He is responsible for protecting a \$103.1-billion pile of gold.

The 52-year-old retired army colonel is the officer in charge of the U.S. Bullion Depository here in Fort Knox where 147.3 million ounces of America's gold is stored in a huge two-level steel and concrete vault.

"Don't worry. The gold is safe. No one is going to storm the gold vault and walk away with any of America's treasure," Wright insists confidently.

"This is the most secure facility you will find anywhere. Naturally I would think that. We are ready to resist any and all attempts by any individual or groups to steal the gold."

Wright, predictably, would give no details about how his security force would fight off invaders. But he did say this:

"We are continuously improving our security system to make certain we have the latest available sophisticated equipment and devices at our command within the bullion depository."

If added security should be needed, we have tanks and personnel carriers standing by and ready on the army post surrounding the gold vault.

Wright says the spiraling value of gold has not led to any drastic changes in protection procedures.

"When I came here a couple of years ago, gold was selling at \$100 an ounce. Now it's \$700 an ounce. While I have been here, the value of the Fort Knox gold has jumped from \$14.73 billion to \$103.1 billion.

The only effect of the increased value of what we're guarding has on my security force is a lot of kidding about how maybe they should be getting paid seven times as much as they were before."

The gray stone building housing the vault is

off-limits to everyone except its protectors. Wright may be the executive in the country who must leave the building when he works — and even the building's grounds — to meet a visitor.

The U.S. Bullion Depository is reached by driving 30 miles southwest of Louisville on U.S. 31 to Bullion Boulevard on the army base.

The depository stands out like a sore thumb, surrounded by a 9-foot steel fence laced with live wires. It is on 52 acres of lawn with no trees, shrubbery or anything else hiding it.

Past the turnoff from Bullion Boulevard onto gold vault road and about a block's distance from the entrance gate, a speaker hangs from a pole. A sign below proclaims:

"Halt, state your business in loudspeaker. Do not enter." That's as close to the gold as most people ever get.

"I am sorry," Wright apologizes at the gate, "but we must meet somewhere else."

This may sound ridiculous, but I conduct all of my face-to-face business two miles away in the post cafeteria or officers' club. No one other than those working in the depository is permitted to visit me in my office."

If Jimmy Carter decided to come by, could he get in?

"If the president came down he could get in, but not before he was subjected to a rigid security check," explains Wright. "The only president ever to visit the bullion depository was Franklin D. Roosevelt."

When the director of the U.S. Mint, Stella B. Hackel, comes, she is thoroughly searched," he added.

There has been no movement of gold in or out of Fort Knox in several years. The gold just sits there, stacked floor to ceiling, with 446,000 gold bricks filling 28 compartments of the vault.

The gold is under constant guard. According to the Bureau of the Mints, 28 persons work inside the depository as part of the security force, administrative and maintenance staff. No one has ever attempted to break into the depository since it was completed in December 1936.

It would seem that the lack of activity at the depository might make the job of guarding the gold a boring one, but Wright says that is not the case.

"Sometimes during the day the men will practice shooting on our firing range in the basement. They have to keep their target proficiency up to a high standard or we fire them. There's plenty to do. Anybody gets near



the place, and somebody inside is watching their every movement. There are windows all around the building. Maybe you looked in the windows and didn't see anybody. But they can see you."

The guards don't open the vault compartments and count the gold every day. The compartments are sealed, but there are peepholes to look through to check the gold.

Every summer a committee of 10 from the Bureau of the Mint inventories 10 per cent of the gold, taking random chip samples from gold bars to ascertain the purity of the gold. Records are maintained of each bar, where it was cast and by whom. The end of the bar is stamped with the fineness of the gold.

"Fineness tells you what percentage of the bar is gold," Wright explains. "The best percentage is 99.9 per cent. That's as pure as you can get gold. The bars weigh 400 ounces each."

In 1974, Peter Beter, a former attorney for the Export-Import Bank, contended that army trucks in the dead of night had carted off all of Fort Knox's gold and had it flown to Switzerland.

Beter charged at the time the vault was empty — that the Rockefeller had bought all of the gold from Uncle Sam and planned to hold it until it hit \$2,000 an ounce and then sell it back.

To disprove Beter's far-fetched claim, the U.S. Mint relaxed its rules and permitted a group of newsmen and congressmen to see the gold.

That was when it was decided to inventory 10 per cent of the gold during a 3-week period each summer. The 10-year inventory is now half complete.

The United States has been storing gold and silver as backing for its currency since 1790. The depository was built in 1936 when the government melted the gold coins that had been taken out of circulation.

Ex-studio man makes antiques for kids

By Sheri Emond

ROSEMEAD, Calif. (LAT) — Jim Park builds exquisite antique furniture, rich in detail, carefully constructed out of the finest hardwoods. His furniture can be found in some of the most beautiful homes in Los Angeles county — homes that delight a child or collector, for Park's furniture is scaled 1 inch to the foot and is made for doll houses.

In the last few years, miniature collecting has been surpassed only by coins and stamps in world popularity, said a spokesman for the National Association of Miniature Enthusiasts. Yet it is rare to find furniture like Park's — so carefully made to reproduce full-sized furniture in even the "invisible" details.

Park, 72, worked as a drop maker for Paramount studios, as a lobby artist for movie theater chains, as a window display artist and as a designer of folding paper containers, before retiring and turning to miniatures seven years ago. Working in his garage, Park cuts every piece of wood himself, even pieces as tiny as one thirty-second of an inch square. His favorite woods include birdseye maple, ebony, pine and walnut.

Because it is "difficult, if not impossible, to find tools to make turnings and other furniture refinements," Park said, he has fashioned many of his own tools. He uses jeweler's blades as saws.

Each piece Park fashions is one of a kind. "I may make six or seven Queen Anne chairs, but no two will be exactly alike. After all," Park said, "there must be 50 different kinds of Queen Anne chairs in the full-sized world."

For models, Park uses pieces from his own full-sized collection or visits stores and exhibitions. Some clients ask him to produce miniature versions of their own chairs or tables.

"I like the challenge of making each piece as authentic as possible. And I like to give things an antique touch: I aim for a feeling of these being pieces people have really lived with. They're not split-and-polish, right-out-of-the-factory pieces. I work each piece the way I feel it until I've got it right."

Part of what feels right to Park is putting in the details that make each piece as close to its full-sized counterpart as possible. For example, his pianos have brass pedals, authentic keyboard covers that open to reveal the piano strings, and keyboard covers that open and close. The player piano actually plays. Its song is "It's a Small World." The grand piano's open top reveals "strings" made out of very time, thin, dried flower stems, and the upright piano's stool has a seat that can be



ANTIQUES for a dining room

raised or lowered to accommodate a pianist of any height, up to 5 inches.

Park makes upholstered pieces, such as his old-fashioned pine rocker, Jacobean armchair or the comfortable sea dog for a family of four dolls in service for eight. Cabinet-type pieces such as his drop-leaf desk, bookcase and a woman's vanity include "invisible" extras such as stress supports inside the drawers. These pieces also boast more readily visible extras such as hand made brass drawer pulls, custom for his work. Cut glass cabinet doors and beveled mirrors.

Park has no set fee for his work, although he makes furniture to order and sell items at miniature shows.

"I price my furniture the way I feel it," Park said. "I never gouge anyone. Sometimes if I like someone or feel they're hard up, I'll cut the price way down. I'm not in this for the money, but for the pleasure."

Park, who grew up on a farm outside of Nashville, Tenn., has been working with his

hands most of his life. "My granddaddy had lots of skills," he says. "He was a blacksmith and a harness maker and built his own barns. I was always hanging around him and getting in his hair while I tried to help. I don't know if I was much help, but I sure learned a lot."

Park said his farm years taught him the importance of hard work, self-reliance and basic skills that could get him a job. After years of traveling around the South doing theater-lobby art, he moved to California in 1937.

"I became an expert with the air brush," Park said. "I'd go into a theater and create scenes all over the lobby depicting something from the movie's theme. If a jungle picture was playing I'd turn the lobby into a jungle."

Park wanted to break into films, and he landed a job at Paramount where he created props for such films as *Blue Skies* with Bing Crosby and *Monsieur Beaucaire* with Bob Hope.

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Limited buying accords to suppliers abandoned

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 (AP) — The United States and 18 other nations are abandoning effective Thursday the restrictions that have generally limited government purchasing contracts to suppliers within their countries. The change, embodied in an agreement that took 15 years to negotiate, will open an estimated \$50 billion market to international competition.

It means, for example, that U.S. businessmen can compete for Japanese government purchases on the same terms as Japanese businessmen. The reverse also is true. Japanese and West German car manufacturers, for example, will be able to bid on U.S. government purchases of autos and trucks that were worth \$73 million in 1979.

Until now, all these governments have given favored treatment to domestic bidders. Official U.S. contracts that will now be fully open to foreign bidders are estimated to be worth \$17.5 billion a year, about two-thirds of its for the defense department.

The open bidding will not apply to tanks, warplanes and other "national security" items — including food and uniforms.

The government procurement agreement which goes into effect Jan. 1 is the result of 15 years of negotiations that began with complaints from other countries about "buy

American" regulations enforced by the U.S. government. The United States lifted its last objection Tuesday after Japan agreed Dec. 19 to open to international bidding some \$3.3 billion a year worth of communications equipment by its government.

Other nations included in the agreement are Canada, Switzerland, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Hong Kong, Singapore and the 10 common market countries: Britain, France, West Germany, Italy, Ireland, Belgium, Holland, Denmark, Luxembourg and Greece.

According to calculations made in 1977, the European Common Market will be opening up about \$10.5 billion worth of government contracts a year and Japan \$8 billion. These figures have been considerably increased by inflation.

In addition, the United States has decided to let 26 of the world's poorest countries bid on its government contracts without having to open up their own bidding to Americans.

It will take at least six months before officials are able to see how the new accord is working fairly. If it fails to look satisfactory, a government that feels its bidders have been discriminated against can retaliate by closing some of its own contracts to businessmen from the discriminating country.

The accord also provides for a general review in three years.

BRIEFS

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — Greece became the 10th member of the European Common Market Thursday. Membership for Greece came at the stroke of midnight after nearly two decades of association with the economic bloc and five years of negotiations.

Official participation by Greece in Common Market work will begin Jan. 6, when former Greek ambassador to the nine-nation group George Kontogeorgis is sworn in as a member of the executive commission.

NASSAU, (R) — The Bahamas government has turned down an application for

political asylum by fugitive American financier Robert Vesco, but some affairs ministry agents were unable to serve a deportation order a government spokesman said Friday.

BRASILIA, Brazil (AP) — Brazilians consumed 20.5 per cent less gasoline in November than they did a year ago, the National Petroleum Council announced. Gasoline consumption through November of this year dropped 14.9 per cent compared with the same period last year, the council reported. That represents a saving of over \$900 million, Transportation Minister Eliseu Resende said.

In Pakistan

Interest-free banking begins

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan, Jan. 2 (AP) — Pakistan began interest-free banking Thursday as part of the government's campaign to Islamize its economy with nationalized banks running newspaper advertisements saying: "May Allah bless us with success." Amen. One of the first to take out what are called "profit and loss sharing" accounts was the governor of Sind province, Lt. Gen. S.M. Abbasi, who attacked critics of the scheme in Karachi.

"Almighty Allah has forbidden interest and those who doubt the system were questioning the entire Islamic structure," he said. "Those who have full faith in Islam do not have any doubts about the success of the system." Instead of receiving interest, depositors would split profits or losses with the borrowers, officials said. Eventually

interest-bearing accounts will be phased out, they added, but no timetable was announced.

The state media reported that banks in Islamabad, the Pakistani capital, were crowded Thursday with people eager to open the new, Islamic accounts for which special counters were set up.

However, a random survey showed that fewer than 10 of the new accounts were requested at some bank branches. At the National Bank's branch here, seven accounts were opened by cabinet ministers and high officials, banking sources said.

"It will take about a week to see how the public responds," said a Pakistani executive of a foreign bank. Although government publicity has strongly condemned interest as an un-Islamic evil, Finance Secretary H.U. Beg has said that it will continue to demand interest on its own accounts abroad.

Canada to propose review of aid to developing states

TOKYO, Jan. 2 (AFP) — Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau said in a newspaper interview published here Thursday he will strongly propose a review of aid by industrialized countries to developing countries and other measures at the economic summit in Ottawa next July.

Trudeau said in the economic paper, *Nihon Keizai Shimbun*, that the big-seven summit at Venice last year reached a common understanding that the North-South problems between the rich and poor countries of the world were important.

It was becoming clearer that ever that all nations should co-operate in solving economic difficulties facing industrial powers and adverse conditions in the developing countries, the Canadian premier said.

He added that recent events such as the prolonged conflict between Iran and Iraq showed energy was still a dominant problem to be discussed at the summit.

Trudeau also cited inflation, the recycling of oil-dollars and trade as well as political discussions as possible topics at the Ottawa summit. Western nations and Japan should take co-operative steps on international events, but there were obstacles to their dialogue and discussion, he said. They should co-operate on military and security affairs and an agreement on disarmament was called

for, he said.

In trade, protectionism and unfair trade practices should be avoided, he said. Trudeau said he hoped that the Ottawa summit would serve as a forum to improve ways to discuss these problems.

Algeria hikes oil price to \$40 a barrel

ALGIERS, Jan. 2 (R) — Algeria has increased the price of its oil by \$3 to \$40 a barrel, it was officially announced Thursday night. Algeria and Libya, which produce the same brand of light crude as Algeria, announced similar increases earlier this week.

The Algerian increase follows decisions taken at the last ministerial conference of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) in Indonesia earlier last month, the announcement said, Thursday. Under a pricing formula worked out in Bali, the top limit for OPEC oil was fixed at \$41 a barrel.

Iraqi economic plan geared to war needs against Iran

BAGHDAD, Jan. 2 (R) — Iraq is gearing its whole economic plan for 1981 to the needs of its war against Iran, with top priority going to repair oil installations and other sites damaged since hostilities broke out three months ago. Sabah Kachachi, industrial planning adviser at the ministry of planning in Baghdad, said in an interview that after repairs the government would give priority to projects which directly help the war effort and to completing projects already under way when fighting erupted in September.

Total spending would not be less than the \$17 billion of the 1980 plan, he said. Iraq has plenty of money to finance adjustment to a war-bound economy, with an estimated \$35 billion of surplus oil revenues in the bank. But Kachachi made clear some mini-economic development projects would be postponed.

Diplomats and businessmen in Baghdad think disruption could be more serious, with the government facing two problems: How to import enough while Iraq's main ports are closed, and how to resume work or start repairs when new attacks by Iranian forces are possible and nobody knows how long the war will last.

The problems fall directly on the government because Iraq's economy is almost entirely state-planned and directed. The new year is the start of the next five-year economic plan.

Oil installations had suffered most damage, Kachachi said. He declined to give details but added: "The damage has been minimal compared to some of the guesses we had in mind at the beginning. My office was anticipating much more damage."

Diplomatic sources report severe damage to Iraq's crude oil loading terminals in the Gulf and the computerized control which operates them. Half the country's refinery capacity of 320,000 Barrels Per Day (BPD) is out of action.

Damaged installations in Basra include the electricity generating system. Diplomats estimate anything up to two-thirds of the country's 4,000 megawatt generating capacity is not working, meaning widespread

power cuts and long queues at petrol stations where the pumps are electrically powered.

Either because of a shortage of refined products or the power cuts, the government has restricted private cars to driving every second day. In the last four years Iraq has invested its fast-growing oil revenue in a huge program of development in agriculture, industry and communications, leaving the country dotted with ambitious projects being built or just completed by foreign firms.

Reporters who drove past major industrial projects near the south city of Basra recently saw no signs of extensive damage.

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French Franc (100)	73.00	74.30	73.90
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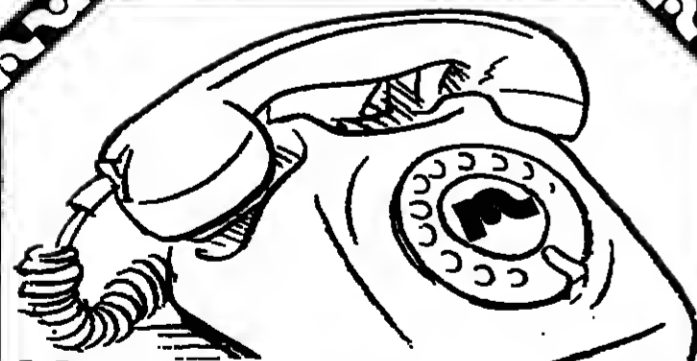
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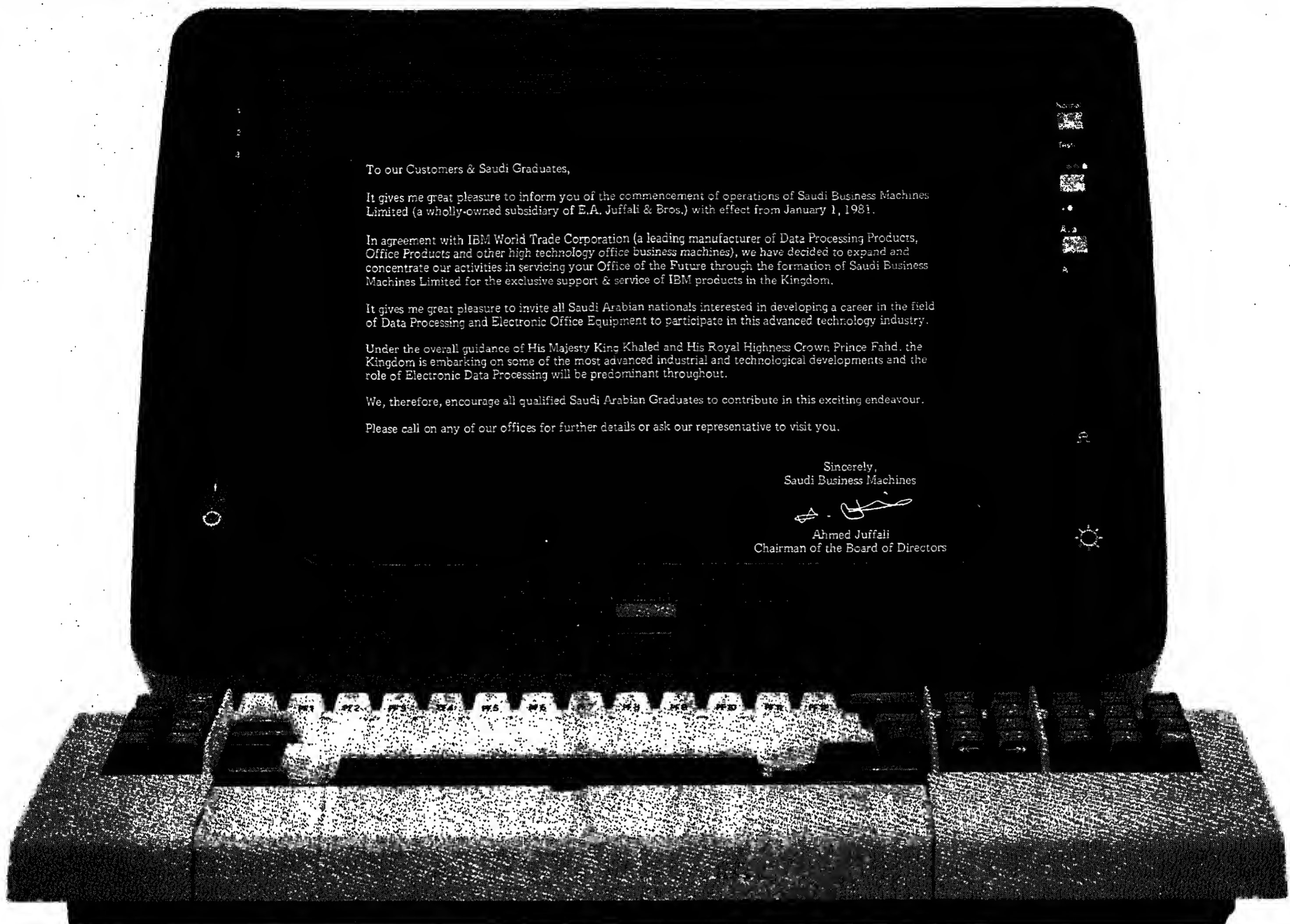
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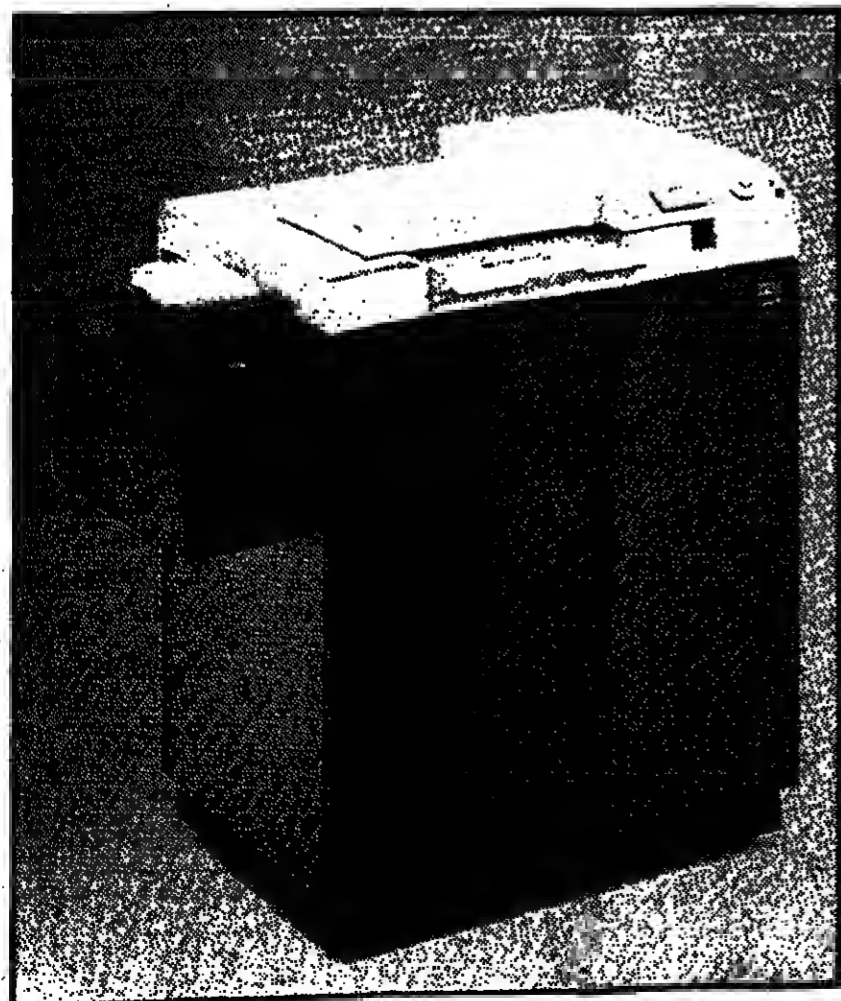
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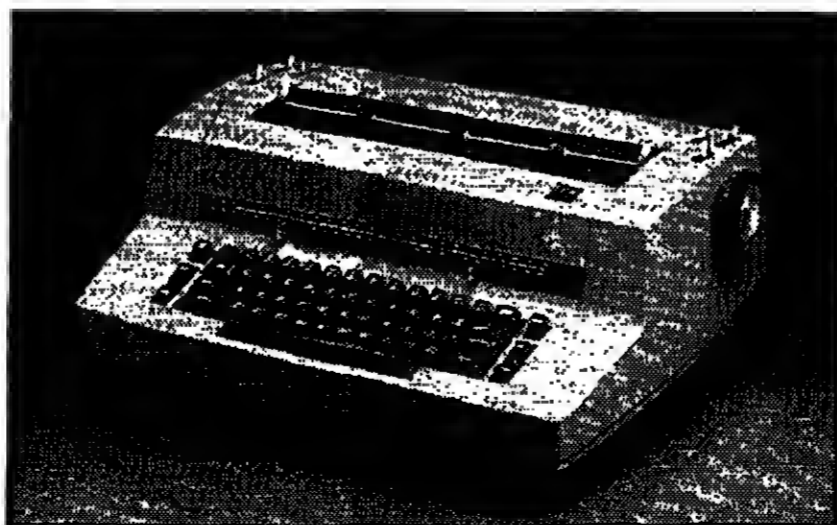
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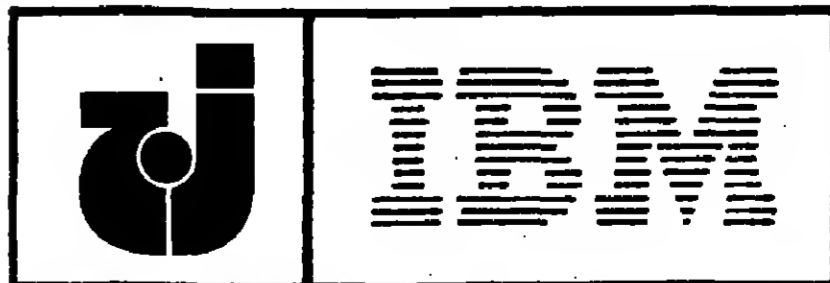
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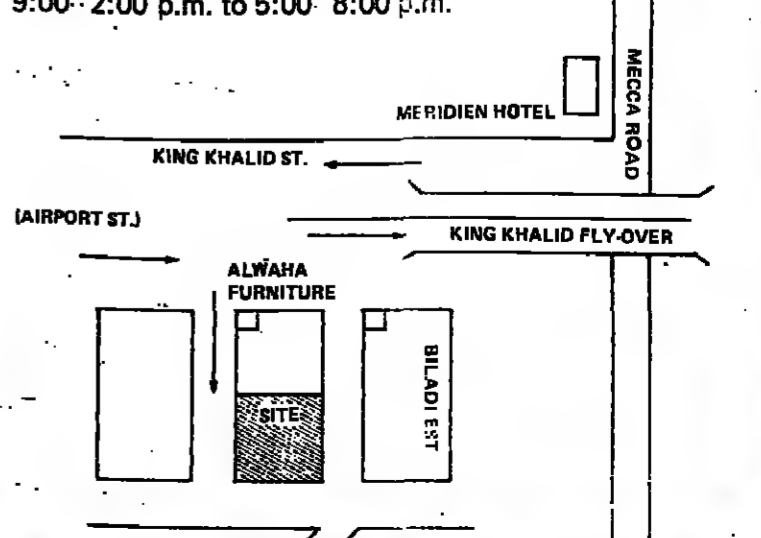
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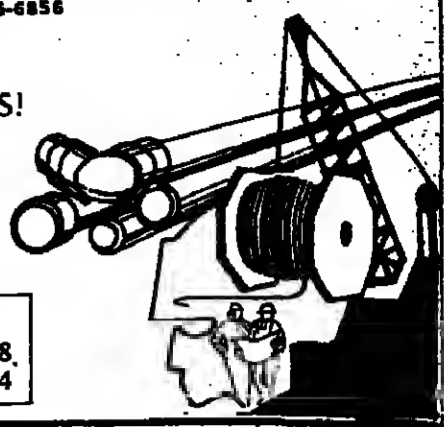


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Algerians deliver U.S. reply to Iran

TEHRAN, Jan. 2 (R) — The latest United States proposals for ending 14 months of captivity for 25 American hostages were handed to Iran Friday by three Algerian intermediaries.

There was no indication of how long the Iranian authorities would take to consider a response. The three Algerian envoys spent 15 days here last month while the Iranians deliberated over the previous reply.

Iran demanded in that response that the U.S. deposit \$24 billion with Algeria as a guarantee for meeting the four conditions set by the Iranian Majlis (parliament) for the release of the Americans. Washington rejected this as unreasonable. U.S. officials



OUSTED: China gave the clearest official indication Thursday that Communist Party boss Hua Guofeng has been ousted in an internal power struggle.

Hu Yaobang replaces Hua Guofeng

PEKING, Jan. 2 (AP) — Chinese Communist Party General Secretary Hu Yaobang appeared Friday to be clearly in charge of the party, effectively replacing Chairman Hua Guofeng.

Hua apparently has been ripped of his powers as Chairman and even has given up control of the party's military commission to his old rival, Vice Chairman Deng Xiaoping, according to diplomatic sources.

For the time being, however, Hua retains his title. A foreign Ministry spokesman said Friday, "Hua Guofeng still is Chairman of the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party."

In answer to a journalist's question, the spokesman said Hua is in Peking but he gave no further information on Hua's status.

All Chinese newspapers gave prominent display Friday to the ascendancy of Hu Yaobang, who presided over a major new year's party by the central committee. Hu, 67, is an old ally of strongman Deng Xiaoping and currently heads the powerful party secretariat which handles day-to-day party business.

His appearance as the spokesman of the party confirmed reports of the political demise of Hua, who has not been seen in public for 3 1/2 days. Although nominally the chairman, Hua was not even mentioned in the long list of those attending the new year's celebration.

Hua, who inherited the party's chairmanship from the late Mao Tse-tung, has been recently criticized for supporting many of Mao's "leftist" ideas, such as economic policies favoring heavy industry and large-scale agriculture. He is also seen as an obstacle to the Deng Xiaoping-led "modernization" drive.

In the face of mounting criticism, Hua reportedly has made his own self-criticism within the party and has agreed to resign. His political fate, however, apparently is undecided, according to diplomatic sources. They said the party is trying to decide if Hua will be moved aside completely, or if he will be given another post.

Hua, about 60, is expected to submit his resignation and be removed as chairman at the next Communist Party Central Committee meeting. That session had been scheduled for late December or early January and by some accounts could be held in February.

Diplomatic sources said the central committee probably will name Hu Yaobang as the man in charge of party affairs but will not immediately give him the title of Chairman.

The formal reshuffling of the party leadership and possible naming of a Chairman will left for another central committee session in spring or summer, the sources said.

described their latest proposal as a reformulated offer designed as a comprehensive response to Iranian statements and concerns. But they also said the new offer did not differ in substance from the position stated in the opening rounds of the indirect negotiations in November and December. The Iranian view is that while the U.S. response have been acceptable to a large extent, the U.S. was answerable to Algeria for the \$24 billion deposit as a guarantee before the hostages will be released.

The U.S. has said it would free \$5.5 billion in blocked Iranian funds at the same time as the hostages are freed. The U.S. has also offered to facilitate Iran's effort in court to obtain assets left by the late Shah and to set up an international procedure to handle the legal claims against Iran that Tehran wants cancelled.

While Iranian leaders have insisted they will not moderate their terms, and also threatened to put the hostages on trial if the demands are not met, one cabinet minister has said Iran will consider U.S. counter-proposals to the guarantee demands.

U.S. officials have predicted that the domestic power struggle in Iran between Islamic fundamentalists and centrists associated with President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr would prevent an early agreement with Washington. Western diplomats here said they believe that at some stage last month the Iranians drastically raised their demands to include the \$24 billion in guarantees and thus dashed hopes of a release by Christmas.

Exactly how this occurred and for what motives were still a mystery, but one senior diplomat following tortuous hostage dealings said "something happened."

U.S. officials said they thought Iranian leaders were desperate for a solution to the hostage issue, and that the leaders regarded it as irrelevant when the country faced more pressing problems, particularly the war with Iraq.

Referring to the war, which is now in its fourth month, Ayatollah Muhammad Beheshti, the head of Iran's Supreme Court, asked Friday why the forces had not launched their much-heralded offensive to drive the Iraqis from the strips of border territories that they hold.

A leading Iranian clergyman said, meanwhile, that Iran should stop bargaining over the hostages and put them on trial like any other criminals because they are spies, not hostages.

Such commentaries do not necessarily reflect government thinking but they indicate the views of influential hardline clergymen and their fundamentalist supporters.



HOTEL BLAST: The charred remains of Nairobi's landmark Norfolk Hotel which was wrecked Wednesday night by a powerful explosion believed caused by a bomb. (AP photo)

Bomb wrecks hotel in Nairobi

NAIROBI, Jan. 2 (Agencies) — The new year's eve explosion that killed at least 16 persons in the Norfolk Hotel here was caused by a bomb left in a room above the hotel restaurant, the owner said Friday.

Jack Block, the owner, refused to disclose the name of the client who had rented the room, but said it had been given to police. The room was empty when the bomb went off, knocking down a wall in the restaurant below and sending the ceiling crashing down on a crowd of holiday revelers.

In addition to those killed, 85 were injured in the blast and subsequent fire that destroyed the central part of the 76-year-old colonial-style structure, the best-known hotel in east Africa.

Kenya officials Thursday came near confirming that a bomb had caused the explosion, describing it as a "dangerous act" that was "callous, sadistic and criminal" without using the word bomb. Asked to comment on reports that the attack was aimed at his family, which owns several hotels in Kenya, Block, who is Jewish, said: "There are far more important Jewish families around the world."

Kenyan army bomb experts meanwhile

sifted the debris from the ruined hotel. U.S. and British diplomats said one unidentified American and two Britons — a 10-month-old baby and a 4-year-old child — were among the dead. Diplomats who spent new year's day checking hospital wards and the Norfolk Hotel register said eight other Americans were missing and eight more injured, and 22 Britons were injured or missing.

The victims' names were not disclosed. Police and diplomats said the task of making positive identifications and notifying relatives was going slowly because many bodies were severely burned and because of discrepancies in records.

Police Commissioner Ben Gethi strongly denied speculation that a bomb was dropped from a plane seen flying over the hotel before the explosion. But he did not rule out the possibility that a bomb had been planted inside the 76-year-old building.

Hotel employees said gas cylinders in the kitchens, at first thought to have been a possible cause, were intact, although the kitchen area was damaged. Mrs. Block said it appeared the explosion occurred in a guest wing atop the main dining room on the

Italian jail security chief slain

ROME, Jan. 2 (R) — The Carabinieri general in charge of Italian prison security was shot dead in Rome Wednesday night and a left-wing group calling itself the "Communist Fighting Unit" claimed responsibility, police said.

They said an anonymous woman speaking for the group said: "We killed General Calvaligi," in a telephone call to the Rome headquarters of an Italian news agency. She added: "Toni Negri has nearly lost an eye..." before ringing off.

An interior ministry spokesman said Toni Negri was one of the prisoners who had revolted at Trani prison. He has been detained since April 1979 on suspicion of

Mobutu orders trial of 5 MPs

BRAZZAVILLE, Jan. 2 (AFP) — President Mobutu Sese Seko has placed five members of Zaire's National Assembly under house arrest and ordered that four of them be tried by a special state security court, Zairese Television said here. The fifth member, together with a former eight assembly members, would be tried by ordinary courts, it said.

The five placed under house arrest, the Zairese News Agency monitored in Paris added, would face charges of "subversive activities, inciting revolt against the established order and insulting the head of state."

The move, according to the television, followed the seizure of a 51-page document, signed by all 13 National Assembly members now facing trial. The document, a collection of subversive suggestions and insults against Mobutu, was found at the home of Ngalula Mpanza Ndjila, one of the five under house arrest, the television said.

The other four, learning of Ngalula's arrest, had gone to Mobutu's official residence and handed themselves in out of solidarity, the television added.

Mobutu, according to the television, sent a letter to the National Assembly's ruling body asking that the four lose their parliamentary immunity, and appear before the disciplinary commission of the ruling people's revolutionary movement and a special state security court. (The Zairese News Agency, quoting official sources named the four to appear before a special court as Makanda Mtinga Shambuyi, Kapita Shabangi, Kan Tshiogo and Tshiriki Wamulumba.)



ZOO'S BABY: "Ivy," London Zoo's baby Kudu antelope, tucks into her pink-and-half milk, helped by the zoo's keeper. She has a bottle of milk every four hours. It's hoped that her mother will take over the little antelope's feeds in a few days time. (AP photo)

Ban will be eased, says Polish writer

WARSAW, Jan. 2 (AP) — The newly elected head of the Polish Writers' Union was quoted Friday as saying censorship should be relaxed but "the climate cannot be changed at once."

Jan Jozef Szczepanski, a novelist and playwright, told the newspaper *Zycie Warszawy* that before last summer's government and party shakeup "authorities were deluded into believing that literature was a danger." Szczepanski, who is also a contributing editor to the weekly *Tygodnik Powszechny* said he was optimistic that conditions for writers would improve.

"An ideal situation would be the functioning of our literature under equal conditions, without discrimination. But taking into account the existing political situation and the burden of an unfavorable tradition in cultural policy, a burden gaining for over 30 years, the climate cannot be changed at once," Szczepanski blamed the negative literary climate on "fear of words."

Asked whether such attitudes can be changed, Szczepanski said: "I am an optimist but a moderate one. Literature does not react at once. It needs distance, it needs time. I think that today we see a tendency which favors common sense."

"It cannot change in one day," he said.

ground floor. Kenyan authorities stopped short of saying flatly that the blast, heard in suburbs miles away, was caused by a bomb. But army bomb experts picked through the wreckage and G.G. Karuki, President Daniel Arap Moi's top internal security aide, called for calm while police work to "bring the culprits to book."

Libyans take over Copenhagen embassy

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 2 (AP) — Five persons with Libyan passports marched into their country's embassy Friday and declared it a "people's bureau" answerable to Muammar Qaddafi in Tripoli, the charge d'affaires said.

"As of now I am here as a Libyan citizen and nothing more," said First Secretary Muhammad Barani. He had been in charge of the embassy in the absence of Ambassador Yunis Omrani. "You know, in my country they are changing all the embassies to 'Libyan people's bureaus,'" Barani said. "Today was Denmark's turn."

New test can detect genetic defect

BOSTON, Jan. 2 (AP) — For thousands of newborn children each year, cystic fibrosis means they probably won't live past their teens. But doctors say a new test can tell couples whether they have the genetic defect that could mean a short life for their children. Cystic fibrosis is the most common genetic killer among American whites.

The test at first will be given only to people whose relatives have the disease, but even such restricted use could greatly reduce the number of babies born with cystic fibrosis, the researchers said.

The new test was developed at children's hospital medical center in Boston. A report on the work appears in Thursday's issue of the *New England Journal of Medicine*. If a mother and father each have a gene that causes cystic fibrosis, there is a one-in-four chance that their children will have the disease. However, if only one parent carries the gene, there is no chance that the baby will have it.

No pre-natal test exists to determine whether an unborn child has the disease. The new test is highly accurate in showing which adults are likely to produce children who will have cystic fibrosis.

About 4 per cent to 5 per cent of the U.S. population carries the defective gene, but shows no symptoms of the disease, which attacks the pancreas, respiratory system and sweat glands. Symptoms include respiratory infection, failure to grow, excessive sweating and obstruction of the small intestine.

About 1,200 American children are born with the illness each year, and their average life span is 19 years. Cystic fibrosis primarily afflicts whites. Dr. James Epstein, one of the researchers, said the test takes about five minutes to administer, and doctors must obtain a tiny skin sample.



SLAIN: General Enrico Calvaligi, 61, who was shot and killed by gunmen in Rome Wednesday. (AP photo)

being a theoretician of left-wing extremists but had never been formally accused or tried. Justice officials said 12 people, mostly wardens, had been injured in the police operation to quell the revolt. They said one prisoner had been taken to hospital with gunshot wounds, but did not identify him.

Police said they could not immediately confirm whether the claim was authentic. They said the "Communist Fighting Unit" was a minor urban guerrilla organization known to be active until last year when police smashed what they believed to be their headquarters in northern Italy.

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